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THE ABC WORLD CUP COVERAGE: WHAT A JOKE!

BY FRANK COLETTA

IT SEEMS the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) has learned little or nothing from its last venture into World Cup telecasting in 1982.

In that year the ABC decided to screen only five live matches from Spain and was hammered from pillar to post by irate football enthusiasts venting their displeasure at the poor coverage.

In the end they repented to show an extra few live matches but it hardly quenched the unquenchable thirst of Australia's Soccer viewers.

Now we hear the ABC has decided to televise nine matches direct after, at first, it seemed likely we would get only five again — yet this still does not suffice — so Australia's Soccer channel SBS 0/28 has once again come to the fore.

Last week it was revealed that SBS and ABC officials met to discuss the rights to some World Cup

games changing hands and great news has come from that meeting.

SBS has been granted the rights to televise live a minimum of 17 games during the World Cup Finals in June from Mexico.

Executives of the ABC and SBS completed the agreement even though Channel 2 has sole Australian rights to the Cup coverage.

Now it is certain we will be able to witness those artists from Brazil such as Zico, Socrates and Junior, the Italian artisans in Paolo Rossi, Bruno Conti and Antonio Cabrini, the West German aristocrats and the fabulous French side.

And we will see for ourselves how good the much vaunted Danes are. With players like

Michael Laudrup, Soren Lerby, Jesper Olsen, Jan Molby and Preben Elkjaer-Larsen they should be a real "Danish delight."

SBS's live coverage will be restricted though. They will only be able to show the matches leading up to the quarter-finals. From there the ABC will take over.

The ABC will kick-off the coverage of the Finals on the morning of Sunday, June 1 . . . 6 a.m. to be exact with the Italy-Bulgaria match which is preceded by the opening ceremony in the Azteca Stadium.

An ABC spokesperson told ASW bluntly: "The consensus at the ABC is that the World Cup Finals will not pick up ratings at all for the Channel."

"The ABC Controller of Programmes decided to limit our coverage for that reason and for we have received many complaints from Soccer people."

The ABC representative did not talk about costings and how these affected the decisions of the ABC but it is certain they had a lot to do with it.

What was said was: "SBS have got some rights to show matches, but NOT live."

This is incorrect but someone at the ABC forgot to tell the staff.

The most disturbing thing is that the ABC must have known what costs were involved prior to securing the rights for the Final series. They have paid for the rights but have been scared off by the extra costs of satellite usage.

They simply were not prepared to pay and SBS now will get the ratings.

The ABC had nothing to lose by giving SBS the rights and would have looked silly if they refused the SBS offer.

Again, costs could not be given but obviously the price of the satellite, although big, was happily paid by the 0/28 people.

The ABC would have had nothing on at such an early time in the morning and as for the World Cup not rating . . . well we'll see.

It is hard to say what other reasons the ABC might have had for not giving a decent coverage but some thought has been



JESPER OLSEN

given to the fact that Australia did not qualify and the interest wouldn't be there — once again harking back to the ratings.

But when one sees some of the sports shown on television nowadays, it is

SBS COMES TO THE RESCUE

easy to see why Soccer supporters get so infuriated around World Cup time.

Sports like Ten Pin Bowling, Rowing, Darts and Lawn Bowls aren't exactly the most invigorating of sports to watch.

SBS Soccer expert Les Murray told ASW, "Although we have assured the coverage of at least 17 matches we could end up with something like 21. This all depends of course on what matches are available."

"But with two games

on every morning at the very least we could accommodate two a day, but we certainly will show one game each morning."

He continued: "When we (SBS) met with the ABC executives they made it pretty clear to us that apart from the matches they were going to televise live, we could have any of the others we wanted."

"We at SBS are very much aware that the Australian TV Soccer viewer wants a 'European' style coverage of the World

Cup and when the ABC were not able to provide it, we were most willing to do so."

SBS will begin its cover of the World Cup on June 2 at 4 a.m. Sydney time with the Spain vs Brazil match.

Included in their definite package are some great clashes such as Italy-Argentina, Portugal-England, Scotland-Denmark, Hungary-France, West

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MARCONI NAME THEIR ARGENTINIAN PLAYERS

ON Sunday night the Marconi board confirmed the recommendation of coach Les Scheinflug and signed two of the three Argentinian players whose names he had submitted to them.

BY FRANK COLETTA

The players are Osvaldo Ruben Elali who is a 24-year-old winger. Elali of Arabic background has played for the heralded Argentinos Juniors and the Huracan club.

A 21-year-old midfielder Adrian Eduardo Janin is also from Huracan.

Club president, Tony Labbozzetta said, "The player we did not sign was a 28-year-old, Antonio



DAVID LOWE

Omar Zinna, who hails from Huracan also and has played for Estudiantes.

"As for the signing-on fees, they are something of a delicate nature as usual. Concerning the players' arrival, we hope optimistically that they will be here in the next fortnight. All efforts will be made to get them here for our next home match against Inter Monaro on May 4."

With David Lowe and company in such explosive form the acquisition of these reputedly skilful players should really help Marconi push for honours.



ITALY's brains-trust, ENZO BEARZOT manager (left) and PAOLO ROSSI (right) discuss tactics in Mexico last year.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? That's what the bard once asked. Were he alive today, he might again put the question after looking at a list of matches in the NSW Soccer Federation's programme.

It's bad enough in the major competition, the first division of the State League.

There we have teams like Avala, Uruguay Auburn, Polonia, Rockdale Ilinden, Melita Eagles and Wollongong Macedonia.

But when we survey names of teams in the lower divisions, the situation assumes farcical proportions.

Take a peep at some of these:-

Granville Chile, Fairfield Kiev, Nineveh Eagles, Chile Sports, Transandinos Sports, Colo Colo, Petersham Lusitanos, Argentinian Lid, Abruzzi, Macedonia Yagooona, King Tomislav, Rangers Hajduk, Hellas Poseldon, Santiago Wanderers and Calabria.

Such names may have nostalgic appeal for the various migrant communities in New South Wales but do Soccer's administrators ever think of the effect all those foreign names are having on Australian-born Soccer people?

We have to suffer plenty from the Rugby League, Rugby Union and Aussie Rules folks - including the regular taunt that Soccer is a "Wog Game" whatever that is supposed to mean.

Yet we give people in the other codes ample ammunition to hurl in our direction with the constant, and seemingly increasing, use of foreign club names.

It is akin to a bloodless invasion when a team of some tradition like Auburn changes its name to Uruguay Auburn.

And is it really essential for a Hurstville team to be called Hurstville Zagreb?

Australia is supposed to be an English-speaking country. There is no cause for the English-speaking people here... about 90 per cent of the population... to be saddled with this vast array of foreign club names.

Everyone interested in Soccer's future in Australia must be concerned about the way the game is being held back by the over-emphasis on ethnic involvement.

In this country, sporting people like to be identified with their local districts - whether in cricket, the football codes or even hockey or water polo.

Only in Soccer, the greatest game of all, is it difficult for them to enjoy district identification.

Imagine the situation if a promising teenage cricketer happened to be asked by a mate what club he played for. Imagine if he answered: "I play for Macedonia Eagles!"

It just couldn't happen. The people who run cricket in this State would not allow it to happen.

Perhaps the time is right for John Constantine, president of the NSW Soccer Federation, to step in and sort out the foreign names nonsense.

The State president is a man of considerable vision with a passionate desire to see Soccer move ahead in this country.

He might also be described as a protege of Sir Arthur George, the president of the Australian Soccer Federation who for many years has attempted to "Australianise" the game here.

Should Constantine attempt to lessen Soccer's unwanted and even damaging ethnic image, we are sure he will receive strong backing from Sir Arthur.

People have often claimed that too much is made of the club names issue in Soccer and they claim it really doesn't matter what name a team plays under.

They are 100 per cent wrong. Names are extremely important.

But wouldn't it be nice if they decided to leave their foreign club names where they belong - in their former homeland.

If this does not happen, and soon, we can forget all about Soccer's aspirations to become the number one code of football in Australia.

If Soccer is doomed to remain a minor sport in Australia, we are paying too high a price simply to indulge in a nostalgic European or South American whim.

SLICKERS RISE TO THE BIG OCCASION

BY TOM ANDERSON

ONCE again, as so many times in the past, Sydney City rose to the big occasion and upset the odds to down a highly fancied Sydney Croatia 4-2 in a ripsnorting encounter at the Sydney Athletic Field.

But the win must have taken years off the life of Slickers popular coach Eddie Thomson who died a thousand deaths on the touchline.

This was mainly due to the nervous disposition of Slickers goalkeeper Alex McPherson who is at present going through a horror spell.

The unfortunate keeper has completely lost his confidence and because of this he has also given his defence a dose of the shakes.

Thomson's first priority now is to sign a new goalkeeper - from anywhere one is available.

But apart from this, the game was a thriller and a real crowd-pleaser and in the end Slickers deserved their win.

Croatia can hold its head high in defeat, they have a great deal to offer and will be in there challenging for honours at the end of the season.

The Slickers in this mood are at their most dangerous.

Despite having the worst of the exchanges in the first half they found

themselves two in front at the interval through goals by Gerry Gomez in the 15th minute and Joe Watson in the 22nd.

Then in the second half, all hell broke loose with three goals coming in a five minute period.

Croatia got on even terms through Manis Lamond and Ante Rumora in the 57th and 59th minutes and it looked as if they were going to pull the points and the game out of the fire.

But a diving header from Jean Paul de Marigny in the 62nd minute put the Slickers back in front and dashed Croatia's hopes.

What a spell... enough to give the fans a series of heart attacks.

Slickers' final goal came from John Kosmina in the 90th minute to round off an entertaining afternoon and a thoroughly good advert for Olympic Airways football.

This match was controlled by World Cup referee Chris Bambridge who handed out six yellow cards.

Bambridge gave a highly competent display and will do well in Mexico.

The Slickers and Croatia will not be going to Mexico, but if they can produce this kind of stuff for the rest of the season they certainly will keep the Sydney fans happy

with this "World Cup" style football.

SYDNEY CITY: McPherson; Rodriguez, O'Connor, Robertson, Hooker; Watson, Gomez, de Marigny; Lee, Farina (Sead 78), Kosmina.

CROATIA: Watson; Savor, Rozic, M.Kovacic, Jennings; Clinch (Dragicevic 45), Rumora, Odzakovic; Lamond, Arnold, Jurin.

REFEREE: Chris Bambridge. CROWD: 4482.



It's a close call for Sydney City's defence as goalkeeper Alex McPherson and right-back Ean Rodrigues deal with a shot from Sydney Croatia.

MONARO FIGHTS BACK

BY KEN HEALEY

AFTER a dominant first half in which Ian Gibson scored the game's only goal, Canberra struggled to hold out a tenacious Inter Monaro at the National Sports Centre.

The 1-0 result was a fair indication of the difference between the teams. If reasonable chances had been taken, many more goals would have resulted.

Canberra flankers Hilton Phillips and Ray Junna created early havoc, but no one could finish until the 25th minute when veteran Tom Sermanni turned the ball back from close to goal.

Phillips collected it, but he was blocked for room, so he sent it back to Gibson whose fierce rising shot from 16 metres was goal-bound when it took a slight deflection from Mike Tuilawa.

In the 35th minute Canberra midfielder Augusto Palacios was carried off with a dislocated elbow.

Monaro then started to attack, but just before half-time Phillips broke away, but Gibson, who had to volley a pinpoint cross from the right, shot wide.

Steve Winn, who had missed from close in early in the first half, continued with his horrors with inexcusable misses from point blank range in the 50th and 51st minutes.

In the 72nd minute Angelo Ambrosino had the ball in the net for Monaro, but the offside flag was up. A minute later Anthony Franken smothered what looked like a certain goal as Monaro kept up the pressure.

Canberra should have wrapped up the match in the 78th minute when Phillips, Gibson and Peter Mazis all faced keeper Steve Hoszowski, who eventually saved Phillips' shot.

Both teams felt the pace after their midweek Nanda Cup meeting and in the end neither had enough class to score more goals.

Canberra: Franken, Bryant (Hartline 80), Nelson, Culcar, Burris, Sermanni, Palacios (Mazis 36), Dunn, Junna, Gibson, Phillips.

Monaro: Hoszowski, Tuilawa, Williams (D'Ardario 57), Budini, A. Ambrosino, Wotherspoon, Carbone (C. Ambrosino 75), Wilcox, Winn, Walsh, Dachs.

Referee: G. Power. Crowd: 1208.

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Germany-Scotland and many more.

Then SBS will run the ABC one-hour package of highlights.

Once again the 0/28 station has proved itself top in the Soccer field.

As for the SBS coverage after the ABC picks up from the quarter-finals on, this has yet to be decided.

Inside ASW's star columnist, Terry Greedy gives his thoughts on the matter.

Another twist to the TV coverage is what has happened to the scheduling of the matches in Mexico.

The majority of kick-off times are noon and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. There couldn't be two worse times!

Would you believe these times were picked, not by any accident, but to satisfy European TV timeslots?

The players will be really glad to know this! With the oppressive heat and choking atmosphere in Mexico we might actually see the first player to melt on a Soccer field!

TREDINNICK-LOWE INSPIRE MARCONI

ALTHOUGH Marconi were not at their best they were still able to account for Blacktown City fairly easily 3-0 at Marconi Stadium.

BY FRANK COLETTA

After a first half in which neither team showed any real zest or enthusiasm, Marconi increased the tempo in the second period and never looked back.

Led in inspiring fashion by the hard-working duo of Peter Tredinnick and David Lowe, the home side grabbed the first goal in the 50th minute when replacement Geoff Gunning made a raid down the left-wing - then whipped over a cross that Soccerroo Ian Gray powerfully headed home.

Three minutes later Gunning scored and what a goal it was! Gunning latched on to a week clearance and played it first time on the volley to Rod Brown.

Brown lobbed the ball over the defence where Gunning controlled it on his chest and thigh before volleying past Blacktown keeper David Curtis.

Any chance Blacktown had of getting back into the match went when their right-back Peter Willis was sent off.

It happened in the 71st minute when he clashed with Marconi's rugged defender Joe Rizzotto. Willis had committed a bookable offence when he

brought down the marauding Rizzotto but was sent off after elbowing his opponent.

Blacktown coach Casey de Bruin was mystified at his player's expulsion, "It was a diabolical decision, absolutely ridiculous," he said.

The Fairfielders sealed the victory in the 80th minute when Soccerroo aspirant David Lowe smashed in a shot from close range after Ian Gray had tangled with the keeper.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug was not at all pleased with his side's first half performance but added, "We played poorly in the first half because we allowed them to dictate in defence."

"The 3-0 result was what we needed because it was two points, that is the most satisfaction I got out of the game."

Scheinflug made a point of noting the hard grafting work of Peter Tredinnick and David Lowe along with the success of substitute Geoff Gunning.

"Tredinnick was superb, he did so much hard work along with David Lowe. Geoff Gunning did his job and was taken off because of his lack of fitness after just coming back from injury," added Scheinflug.

De Bruin, although disappointed, made it clear that luck had not been on his team's side. "We held them fairly easily in the first half, our defence was too good," he said.

"But then we lost Peter Denyer through injury and Willis was sent off and the game got away from us. If we had any luck, who knows what would have happened."

"We made two bad clearances and both resulted in goals. Our injury toll keeps mounting up, now along with Slater, Thornthwaite and Bourke, Denyer is carrying a torn thigh muscle. They've all come at the worst time."

MARCONI: James, Carter, Rizzotto, Wheatley, Stacey, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Tredinnick, Driscoll (Gunning 46) (Henderson 81).

BLACKTOWN CITY: Curtis, Willis, Northern (Sharpe 63), Almsworth, Denyer (McLeod 54), Byrne, Bradley, Knight, Brennan, Carroll, Sandy.

CROWD: 1728

Referee: B. Marshall

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SAINTS HALT OLYMPIC RUN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE travelled to Pratten Park with one aim firmly on their minds ... to stop Sydney Olympic's high-scoring rampaging strikers. And this they did to pull off a surprise 2-2 draw.

Frank Arok, Saints' manager-coach, rushed into the side his latest two signings, defender Alex Lampropoulos and striker, Graeme Fletcher.

Arok also completely reshuffled his whole team, pushing two defenders, David Skeen and skipper, David Ratcliffe, into the midfield, alongside

Andrew Koczka and Pedro Ricoy.

These positional changes, (understandably negative), proved effective as the St George midfield quartet quickly shut-down the Olympic trio of Stuart Johnstone, Peter Raskopoulos and Vicente Estavillo, denying them space.

Olympic's strike-line of Marshall Soper, Stuart Stevenson and Chris Kalantzis, struggled to breathe against this tight-play that was choking their normal rip-roaring, deep-cutting raids.

Sydney Olympic's task however, looked at first to be easy as in the fifth minute from a Raskopoulos free-kick, Kalantzis beat Saints' goalkeeper Mike Gibson with a powerful short-ranged header.



Andrew Koczka

Ten minutes later, left-back Gary Phillips volleyed a cross onto Gibson's post from 12 metres.

Olympic's powerful target-man, Stevenson, was being heavily shadowed by the St George 18 year old, tenacious stopper, Craig Moffit whilst Ratcliffe led his fellow midfielders in a "fixed-bayonets" stance against their pacier foe.

Ten minutes before drinks, Olympic pieced together their best move of the match, spanning some 80 metres. Raskopoulos from inside his own box, knocked a wide ball out to the right to find Johnstone who relayed forward to Stevenson.

Stevenson's final cross from the right threatened

as Kalantzis came flying through the air only to see his aerial chance neutralised by Lampropoulos' clearing header.

The battle for midfield-supremacy saw tempers flare with six yellow cards handed out by Newcastle referee Jim Reeves to Raskopoulos, Moffit, Stevenson, Stuart Porter, Phillips and Andrew Koczka.

Eight minutes after the break, St George levelled through a penalty for "hand-ball" by Olympic's giant free-back, Tony Dakos. Ratcliffe's first hit from the spot was only parried by goalkeeper Gary Meier allowing Ratcliffe to slam home the rebound to equalise.

But just two minutes later, Olympic went ahead with their second goal which the ever-reliable goalscoring midfielder, Stewart Johnstone, nailed home after meeting a neat cross from Raskopoulos on the right.

Just as Olympic thought that surely now they had the game in the bag, St George's "Man of the Match" David Skeen busted Olympic's offside trap in the 63rd minute.

Skeen who caught the entire Olympic back-four square, scooted off for the box, clipped a neat short cross to supply Koczka with a point-blank header on the back stick that crashed into Meier's net.

A relieved Arok sighed in the dressing after the match: "Both Lampropoulos and Fletcher signings were a plus for us. It was a good overall team effort that gained us the valuable League point."

Best performers were Skeen, Moffit and Koczka for the visitors whilst Olympic was best served by Johnstone, Mike Coody and Kalantzis.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Rogers, Coody, Dakos, Phillips: Johnstone (Stankovic 80), Raskopoulos, Estavillo: Soper (Brandt 76) Stevenson, Kalantzis

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Lampropoulos, Moffit, M.O'Shea, R.O'Shea: Skeen, Ratcliffe, Koczka, Ricoy (Petkovski 89): Fletcher, Porter (Caben 65).

Referee: J. Reeves. Crowd: 6,223.

JONES GETS A LAST-MINUTE EQUALISER

BY TONY RAGITI

APIA Leichhardt may regret — at the conclusion of the 1986 season — the valuable point they dropped in the last second of play in their 1-1 match with Newcastle at Lambert Park.

In a match the home side should have won comfortably, a 90th minute individual goal from Mark Jones gave Newcastle another vital point in their fight for survival.

Apia completely dominated proceedings and should have led at half-time to the tune of 3-0.

In the first period, Apia outplayed Newcastle in a display of powerful attacking football that had not been seen at Lambert Park for a number of seasons.

Clear-cut goalscoring chances fell to Butler, Stewart, Bundalo and Cologiuri, with at least seven opportunities being squandered.

But poor finishing resulted in a solitary goal being notched by youngster Darren Stewart in the 11th minute from a cross by Cologiuri.

Apia continued to attack, creating numerous scoring opportunities through the glut of possession which was won by the midfield trio of Steven, Bundalo and Hristovski.

But in the second half the home side relaxed, especially in the last 20 minutes of play and allowed Newcastle to edge their way back into the match.

Newcastle were unlucky not to have equalised in the 75th minute following a poor back pass by Steven, with Naumov latching on to the loose pass and having his point blank shot brilliantly saved by the in-form Pezzano.

Just one minute later, a header from Jones hit the woodwork, with Apia placing themselves under unnecessary pressure.

An old Soccer cliché is that the game is never over until the final whistle.

As such, Apia suffered the consequences for not

maintaining the same level of concentration for the entire 90 minutes.

Apia should have won the match convincingly as they dominated for 80 minutes.

Newcastle are to be applauded as with their limited resources they fought hard right to the end.

The lack of a strong forceful striker was Apia's major downfall and unless the problem is rectified, Apia's creative and direct

style of play will be totally wasted.

As for Newcastle on their performance and from the appearance of their top 11, their chances of competing in next year's revamped NSL is, even at this early stage, a foregone conclusion.

Apia: Pezzano, Bozanic, Sterrey, Bertogna, Brown, Steven, Bundalo, Hristovski, Cologiuri, Stewart (Dounis 78) Butler.

Newcastle: Goaling, Milosevic, Garland (Senkalski 45), Bennon Maier, Crabtree, Naumov, Jones, Ingham, Haynes, Cov.



TONY PEZZANO

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (D Batten 3) CANTERBURY 1 (N Borges) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 2630.

MARCONI 3 (I Gray, G Gunning, D Lowe) BLACKTOWN 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1726.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (C Kalantzis, B Johnston) ST GEORGE 2 (D Ratcliffe, A Koczka) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 6223.

LEICHHARDT 1 (D Stewart) drew with NEWCASTLE 1 (M Jones) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1929.

CANBERRA 1 (I Gibson) MONARO 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1200.

SYDNEY CITY 4 (G Gomez, J Watson J de Marigny, J Kosmina) SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (M Lamond, A Rumora) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 4482.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

BRISBANE LIONS 0 ADELAIDE CITY 2 (C Villani, J Mullen) at Richlands. Crowd: 1165.

GREEN GULLY 0 BRISBANE CITY 1 (K Cooper) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 348.

ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 PRESTON 1 (G Cole) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3000.

HEIDELBERG 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (D Todoric) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 3270.

FOOTSCRAY 1 (V Belic) South Melbourne 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 3955.

BRUNSWICK 0 SUNSHINE 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 3000.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Olympic	2	1	0	11	3	5
Apia Leichhardt	2	1	0	4	1	5
Sydney Croatia	2	0	1	8	5	4
Marconi	2	0	1	7	4	4
Wollongong	2	0	1	5	3	4
Blacktown	2	0	1	2	3	4
Sydney City	1	1	1	6	5	3
Canberra	1	1	1	2	2	3
Newcastle	0	2	1	1	5	2
St George	0	1	2	3	5	1
Canterbury	0	1	2	2	8	1
Monaro	0	0	3	1	8	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunshine	2	1	0	4	2	5
Adelaide City	2	1	0	11	3	5
Preston	1	2	0	1	0	4
Footscray	2	0	1	4	8	4
Brunswick	1	1	1	4	1	3
H'berg	1	1	1	3	3	3
Brisbane City	1	1	1	3	4	3
Melbourne Croatia	1	1	1	2	5	3
Adelaide Hellas	1	0	2	5	5	2
South Melbourne	1	0	2	1	2	2
Gr Gully	0	1	2	2	4	1
Brisbane Lion	0	1	2	1	4	1

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BATTEN BAGS THREE GOALS

BY PHIL MURPHY

REPLACEMENT David Batten made the most of his opportunity when South American Imports Saul Rivero and Leon Arcosa turned up late for Wollongong City's game against Canterbury at Wollongong Showground.

Batten became the first Wolves player to score a hat-trick in the National League when he scored all the goals in his team's 3-1 win.

Rivero and Arcosa were involved in a minor car accident on the way to the game and Wolves coach John Fleming sent out Batten and Rade Stafenovski in their places.

The game was just seven minutes old when Batten scored his first goal and he became a constant menace to a shaky looking Canterbury defence.

After Canterbury's new

signing Nelio Borges netted from a free kick to make it 1-1 at half time, Batten really made his presence felt early in the second half.

In a five minute spell he showed lethal finishing power to grab his other

two goals and end any chances Canterbury had of winning.

First he hammered in a drive from 15 metres after goalkeeper Ian Barker had done exceptionally well to half-save a shot from Peter Kotamanidis.

Five minutes later Batten found space to run on to a through ball from Bryan Cokely and place it out of Barker's reach.

With Willie Murray and Cokely completely dominating midfield Wollongong should have

scored at least three more goals.

They exposed Canterbury's defence repeatedly in the second half and Barker was kept busy as his defence started to falter.

Borges tried hard in midfield while Chris Thamnidis was always busy up front for Canterbury.

For the Wollongong team containing eight local products, Batten and Murray emerged the best players while Cokely and

defender Reg Chilby were always heavily involved.



Wollongong: Young, Green, Vilestra, Chilby, Morlando, Murray, Cokely, Giraidd, Batten, Kotamanidis (61 Arcosa), Stafanovski (45 Brodnik).

Canterbury: Barker, Karaspyros, Hantzis, Haniotis, Svinos, Kirwan (68 Jebrell), Borges, Anagnostopoulos, Philipou, Pettas, Thamnidis.

Referee: Ken Small. Crowd: 2630.

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ASW'S ROUND-UP OF THE MELBOURNE WEEKEND MATCHES

STEVE TASIOS finally made his debut on Sunday for South Melbourne after a swap with John Kanesoulis.

BY JIM HARVEY

Tasios, however, in his first match, finished on the losing side, while Kanesoulis played in the Heidelberg reserves.

On the day of unseasonably high temperatures, only three goals were scored in the four games, and the bright spots were higher attendances at two venues and the low spot the appalling turnout at Green Gully.

In the Melbourne match of the day, George Cross managed to hang on to top spot but only after a grim backs-to-the-wall defence during the second half.

George's teenage sensation John Marcovski came on as usual with 20 minutes left to play but for once the ploy didn't work, and he saw little of the ball.

In a match that never reached great heights, defences were always on top with George Cross having the better of the first half, but surrendering the initiative in the second.

How George survived Juventus' second half onslaught only goalkeeper Lou Kastner and his defenders will ever know.

On the whole the draw was a fair result although Juventus coach Len McKendry was disappointed with the result.

In all fairness to Juventus, it must be pointed out that Peterson was a late dropout due to injury and Joe Sweeney although now fit was omitted and badly missed.

Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Campbell, Brown, Zandomeni, Dowle, Wade, Durakovic, Cullen, Patterson, Zinni.

George Cross: Kastner, James, Richardson, Parton, McLaren, Lennon (70 Markovski), Faulkner, Bain, Mitten (80 Campbell), Glider.

FOOTSCRAY V STH MELBOURNE

THE question uppermost in everyone's mind this week was, could Footscray bounce back after last week's 7-1 drubbing?

They answered their critics in style by outgunning South Melbourne at Schintler Reserve.



JOHN MARGARITIS

The score of 1-0 in no way flattered them, so complete was their domination that they could easily have won 4-0.

South coach John Margaritis had his problems with a continued absence through injury of Kenny Murphy and the one match suspension of Garry McDowall but nevertheless it's hard to understand the reason for the complete reshuffle that the team has undergone.

Surely any side with championship aspirations can survive the loss of two players, but some of Margaritis' moves are beyond comprehension.

Footscray: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Barjacerovic, Karic, Vukovic, Belic, Tapal, Stolic, Bozinovski, Latif, Lazopoulos (Lujic 54).
Sth Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Xanthopoulos (Mihos half time), Blair, Brown, Halford, Egan, Miranda, Davidson, Postecoglou, Tasios (Nicolaidis 69).

The winning goal in the 56th minute through sheer persistence by Vlatko Belic was put through by Bozinovski.

His first shot was blocked by a defender and his second was parried by Laumets when he shot home the rebound for the winner.

The happiest note of all for Footscray was a crowd of over 4000.

HEIDELBERG V MELB CROATIA

DURING last week, Croatia coach Miron Bleiberg was quoted in the press as saying another defeat would mean his job.

This was after his team's unexpected 4-0 drubbing last week at the hands of Brunswick Juventus.

But he made amends on Sunday by defeating Heidelberg at Olympic Village.

Very little could be said about the game which was a very scrappy affair.

Davor Todoric scored the winner in the 15th minute.

Heidelberg's reshuffled

side had no answer to Croatia's classy midfield.

The only change to Heidelberg's losing team was the dropping of goalkeeper Mirko Runje.

Heidelberg: Olver, McKie, Marley, Hunter, Higgins (87 Papas), Angele, Selemidis, Valentine, Tsolakis, Tzintzis (Deligiannis 57), Lucchese.

Melbourne Croatia: Govic, Deankovic (Tajalic 20), Curcio, McIntosh, Hannah, Campbell J, Bladic, Bonacic, Todoric, Markovic, Ward (82 Lujic).

The story of the Green Gully v Brisbane City match is best summed up by the size of the crowd which was exactly 348.

Both sides are obviously heading for relegation this season.

In a very dull ordinary game, the only item of note was that the winning goal was scored by Cooper in the 60th minute at which point they should have declared and gone home.

Green Gully: Ajax, Denys, Vizzini, Douglas, Fraser, Cannell, Fievel, Lewis, Drakeford (sent off 81), Ward, Reynolds (half time McLennan), Cumming.

Brisbane City: Wishart, Archer, Bromfield, Mengotti, Caird, Hogg, Fabrizio, Hamilton (Lettieri 57), Cooper, White, Reis (70 Milosevic).



COL BENNETT

SYDNEY OLYMPIC NETS De-COSTI BROS AS MAJOR SPONSORS

De-COSTI BROS SEAFOODS, Sydney's leading seafood merchants, have pledged to Sydney Olympic a sponsorship that will net them some \$30,000.

The sponsorship was beached at a Press Conference held at the well-known Omeros Seafood Restaurant in Coogee last week.

The De-Costi firm first gave hint of better things to come for Olympic when they strongly sponsored the club's "Walkathon" early last month.

Financial Controller for the De Costi firm, Mr Ken Kotsapas, told ASW:

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

"Our Company is proud to be associated with Sydney Olympic as they seem to play attractive, fast and entertaining Soccer."

Olympic's president, Mr

Tom Doumanis, stated at the conference:

"Performances by our Soccerroos in the World Cup campaign last year helped greatly in attracting attention to Soccer."

And if \$30,000 wasn't enough, next year could see the seafood specialists increase their involvement with Olympic.



BACK ROW (L to R): Ken Kotsapas, Tony Dakos, Peter Raskopoulos, Marshall Soper, Chris Kalantzis and Tom Doumanis.

FRONT ROW: (Mrs Anna Kotsapas, Mrs Andrea De Costi, George De Costi, Mrs Helen De Costi and Harry De Costi.

LIONS COACH IS COL BENNETT

FORMER Soccerroo defender Col Bennett is the new Brisbane Lions coach.

The appointment, announced after last weekend's 0-2 loss to Adelaide City, follows Gordon Arrowsmith's resignation.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Arrowsmith, who has been with the Club for nearly two years, stepped down because he wants to return to England to finish his FA badge level 3 coaching course.

Unless he completes the final phase this year his earlier work for the badge

will lapse.

"Gordon felt it was better to let a new man come in early in the season rather than leaving the club to get someone midway through the year," Lions president John Morcus said.

Bennett, who played with Lions for six years after coming to Queensland from Sydney's Apia Leichhardt, has been coaching for the past two years at local Intermediate League Club Rochedale. He had until this season also played with the club.

Lions began their Richlands clash with Adelaide City looking like a side wanting to give their coach a parting win. But it was not to be.

So many chances went begging or were turned away by desperate last minute Adelaide defence.

Winger Clark Anderson had a blinder but his shots were either saved by Willie McNally or cleared off the line by defenders.

But for a wasted shot in front of an open goal by Adelaide City's Joe Mullen, the first half was all Lions. But the scoreline at the break remained 0-0.

Frustration grew in the Lions game and was reflected when Russell Stewart gave away a penalty for pushing Sergio Melta 16 minutes into the second half. Charlie Villani easily put the shot away.

Three minutes later both sides lost a player when referee Bill Monteverde sent off David Hunter, for an alleged over the ball tackle, and Villani for his part in the scuffle which followed.

Adelaide City rubbed salt in the Lions wound when in the final minute Mullen fiercely drove a free kick into the net from outside the box.

Brisbane Lions: Evans, D Hunter, Jackson, Niven, Mulvey (Bell 54), R Stewart, Ogden, Anderson, J Stewart, McGregor.

Adelaide City: McNally, Higgins, Nyakohus, Flounders, Tobin, Melta, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell (Lounge 66), Vidmar, Constanzo.

Referee: Bill Monteverde. Crowd: about 1000.

GARY COLE GETS WINNER

BY JEFF GALE

PRESTON's Gary Cole huffed, puffed and finally blew down Adelaide Hellas' \$100,000 rebuilt house at Hindmarsh Stadium with the only goal of the match in the 44th minute.

It was a humiliating second home defeat for the SA side which bought Soccerroos Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn and Scottish import Brian McLaughlin, and had looked as if it was on the road to recovery after a 4-2 win at Brisbane City following a 2-1 home loss to George Cross in the opening round.

But Cole had other ideas from his midfield position when he climaxed an extraordinary sequence of events in front of the home goal.

While he buried the ball in the back of the net it had shot across and towards the home goal from George Petrov, Sean Lane (twice) and Ron Campbell with goalkeeper Gary Sproul clearing twice - all inside 30 seconds - before the former Soccerroo front runner scored as only he can.

Hellas had one "real" chance and that came from one of their two front runners Gary Price, who missed an open goal after Preston keeper Phil Triandis had been beaten

by a bouncing ball in the first half.

Preston were in command for most of the game and by the closing stages were simply knocking the ball about to retain their lead.

Ian Roadhouse, Con Opasinis, and Ian Dobson mopped up most of the Hellas attack while Cole, Steve Smith, Lane and Campbell caused havoc every time they charged at the home defence.

Referee Manny Loupis, from NSW, was an added attraction.

With his sergeant major-type moustache and military gestures he kept the players in line with yellow cards for Preston's

Lane, Smith and Campbell then, with four minutes to go, ordered off home defender Nick Mousoulis.

Despite the scoreline it was the Victorians' game, and they could have sewn it up earlier in the 36th minute when first Cole hit the post - then Lane repeated the effort from the rebound.

Hellas coach Neil McGachy was at the desperation stage when he sent on Chris Manou as a midfielder after he had played a full game in the SA first division the day before.

Then John Panagis, who had run for 80 minutes in the same match, was also fielded.



GARY COLE

Manou replaced front runner Price, with Graham Honeyman going into the attack, while

Panagis replace McLaughlin in a strange move as the import had been Hellas' best player and looked the only man likely to pull off a win or at least a draw.

Hellas are waiting for another new player - a striker who may yet save the day as they will be struggling to make the new "super league" if they can't finish off in front of goal.

Hellas: Sproul, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Mousoulis, Hristodoulou, Honeyman, McLaughlin (Panagis 76), Konstandopoulos, Price, (45 Manou), Scott.

Preston: Traianedes, Roadhouse, Dobson, Opasinis, Silskas, Campbell, Cole, Petrov (Piculowski 70), Illoeki, Smith, Lane.

Referee: M Loupis NSW. Crowd: 3213.

ARGENTINA LOOK TO MAKE UP LOST GROUND BUT IT'S AN UPHILL BATTLE FOR COACH BILARDO AND HIS MEN

ARGENTINA one of the powers of world football has failed to qualify for only one of the last eight World Cup finals — in Mexico in 1970. In May it will be trying to make up for that blemish on its record.

BY TOM ANDERSON

But coach Carlos Bilardo knows that although his team goes to Mexico as one of the favourites to win the trophy, he is facing an uphill battle to find the right formula.

It is now eight years since Argentina, playing at home, won the World Cup for the first time, and since then its Soccer fortunes have declined.

It performed without distinction in Spain in 1982, and Bilardo is anxious that the team gives a better account of itself this time around.

He has been criticised for changing the team, but he says he knows exactly what he is doing.

"I know there are seven, eight, or nine players that make up the core of the team," he said recently.

"I change one or two depending on who we are playing."

This strategy of changing players according to the opposing team, has produced press criticism as well as confusion and uncertainty in the squad.

But one man bound to be in the starting line-up, if he is fully fit, is Diego Maradona, transferred twice for a world record fee in the last four years.

Now playing in Italy with Napoli, the curly-haired thick-thighed attacking midfielder has matured in the four years since Spain when he was sent off against Brazil.

If he blooms in Mexico, Argentina could indeed go all the way and win the final.

The general mood among Bilardo's critics is that Maradona's outstanding skills are the only way Argentina will win the Cup.

"An Argentine victory will depend on the individual brilliance of the stars, not the planned team strategy," one newspaper reported.

In Argentina, there is no middle ground when it comes to national Soccer coach Carlos Bilardo. You either love him or hate him.

A 44-year-old physician, Bilardo says defeat in the World Cup finals in Mexico would be his entire responsibility — like that of a doctor in a hospital.

His critics say Bilardo is so intent on winning at all costs that he ruins the fun of the attacking game Argentines love to watch: instead he sticks to a cautious, low-scoring defensive style.

He tends to pull the strikers back to the defensive midfield instead of pushing them forward. He prefers a cautious build-up to a flowing one.

Oreste Omar Corbatta, one of the all time great Argentine wings, complains that Bilardo smothers the players with "too many ideas."

"The main thing for me is the result," Bilardo once said. "I stick to this principle, and time will show I'm right."

Keeping Argentine

fans, players and opponents guessing, Bilardo refuses to reveal his 22-man squad until April 20, even though he says he knows what it will be.

For those who like him, Bilardo has an impressive record.

Aside from briefly ex-

of the Libertadores Cup in 1977 and 1978, but in both cases Cali was defeated in the finals by Argentina's Boca Juniors, whose coach Juan Carlos Lorenzo showed more flair and risk-taking than the cautious Bilardo.

But Bilardo showed his

America elimination series with low-score play.

With dazzling figures like Maradona and veteran libero Daniel Passarella, Argentina should be able to mount a serious challenge.

But if history repeats itself, the team will be just as capable of inexplicable

Luis Cuciuffo, Jose Luis Brown, Enzo Trossero and Oscar Ruggeri will be changed to accommodate Passarella, while Oscar Garre, Oscar Ruggeri, and Nestor Clausen are also in contention.

With the finals rapidly approaching, Bilardo has plenty of sorting out to do, and as soon as the domestic seasons end in Europe, Juan Barbas (Lecce, Italy), Jorge Burruchaga (Nantes, France), Jorge

blaze of publicity and was expected to do wonders for a fading Argentine team that had won the Cup four years previously.

He did not have a successful tournament. He was savagely marked, man to man. Belgium put four defenders on him when they met Argentina. He did not have the technique or experience to shake that defence and his frustration eventually boiled over when he was sent off in Argentina's final match, a scrappy 3-1 defeat against Brazil, for kicking an opponent in the stomach.

But since then he has matured. Two relatively successful but unhappy years at Barcelona in Spain have been followed by two years in Italy with Napoli where he is revered by the locals as a saint.

He has in the main, kept his temper under control and learned to play with his team. If things started well in Mexico as they should do, with South Korea being Argentina's first opponents, Maradona could fulfil his vast potential.

peting in his third and probably last World Cup tournament.

Although not quite as nimble as he was a few years ago, Passarella is still just as much a threat in attack as he is as sweeper in defence.

It was he who scored the final goal, with eight minutes left to play, in Argentina's qualifying game against Peru last year that enabled Argentina to scrape into the World Cup finals in Mexico with a 2-2 draw.

On April 6, 1986 Passarella scored his 30th goal in League play in Italy, where he is captain of Fiorentina's team, thereby equalling the League record for goals scored by a defender.

Passarella began his career with Sarmiento, a second division team in Argentina. He then played for River Plate for 10 years, before moving to Fiorentina after the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

Although he has had a successful four years in Italy, Passarella has not been without his troubles. Many believe there is



ARGENTINA celebrate after winning the 1978 World Cup against Holland 3-1 after extra-time.



DIEGO MARADONA

exercising his profession as doctor, he was a player for San Lorenzo, Deportivo Espanol, and Estudiantes de la Plata, a team characterised by the conservative, defensive style that Bilardo now is trying to extend to the Argentine national squad.

He and Raul Madero, a fellow doctor and ex-player and now the national team trainer, toured Europe in the 1970s to learn about what they considered the best techniques in physical training, especially in Germany.

They adopted the following concept: a talented player will be even better once he learns tactics and concentrates on physical training.

A coach since 1971, Bilardo started with Estudiantes de la Plata and went to Deportivo Cali of Colombia and San Lorenzo of Buenos Aires. His leadership of Deportivo Cali was a significant milestone in his career, showing up his strengths and weaknesses.

He built the Colombian team into national champions who made the finals

star was still high when he returned to Argentina after leading Cali and guided Estudiantes de La Plata to the national championship in 1982. That was his stepping stone to the national team.

Bilardo is haunted by comparisons with former coach Cesar Luis Menotti, who led Argentina to its only World Cup victory in Buenos Aires in 1978.

Menotti, dumped after Argentina's poor showing in the World Cup in Spain in 1982, delighted fans with a more loose, attacking style.

But he who laughs last laughs longest. Perhaps Bilardo was right when he said that only the results

Germany, Belgium, and Switzerland with inventive attacking flair. But a year later they struggled to draw 2-2 with Peru in Buenos Aires, in the final game of the qualifying competition for Mexico, and in March 1986 lost 2-0 to European champion France in another lacklustre display.

Argentina squeaked into Mexico in the South

defeats as spectacular victories.

After winning the Cup in 1978 in Buenos Aires, Argentina's team failed miserably in Spain in 1982 both individually and as a team. The tenure of coach Cesar Luis Menotti, architect of Argentina's 1978 World Cup win, ended ingloriously.

In 1984, Argentina scored upsets on a tour of Europe, defeating West will count in the long haul.

But Bilardo maintains he is happy with the way things are.

"In Mexico we will play the same way as we did in the qualifiers," he says.

Argentina has recently played a 4-4-2 formation, and that probably won't alter when the European exiles return for the finals.

The goalkeeper's spot still looks up for grabs, with Nery Pumpido likely to be selected ahead of Luis Island. Ubaldo Fillol, a veteran of the 1978 and 1982 tournaments, has been injured and appears to have been discarded.

The back four of Jose

Valdano (Real Madrid) Ramon Diaz (Avellino, Italy) and Gabriel Calderon (Betis, Spain), will all be staking their claims.

The World Cup was devised for great players like Diego Maradona.

Maradona has already played in the World Cup finals once — and would prefer to forget the experience. But this summer, he is capable of proving what many people were saying, wrongly as it turned out, four years ago — that Maradona is the best player in the world.

His skills are almost unbelievable and his talents prodigious. He can score superb goals from almost anywhere in his opponents' half — and can make goals too.

Now, at 25, he is at the peak of his considerable physical powers. His shock of curly hair and his powerful, thick, thighs, make him a player to spot on the field before he has even kicked a ball. When he's in full flow, there is no-one to touch him.

Maradona, then 21, went to the World Cup finals in Spain in 1982 in a

His career began with Argentinos Juniors when he was only 16 years old. After five years there he moved to Boca Juniors and guided them to the Argentine championship in 1981.

The following year Barcelona paid a world record \$10,000,000 transfer fee that was divided between Boca Juniors and Argentinos Juniors.

As a player, perhaps the only drawback is his susceptibility to injuries by ruthless defenders.

Maradona's left leg was broken once, and so far he has not accepted medical advice to have an operation on his weak left knee. The first tough defender in Mexico who can catch Maradona may determine Argentina's fate in the 1986 World Cup.

Daniel Passarella is one of the few men who have known the supreme moment in Soccer — receiving the World Cup as captain of the winning team.

The crowning moment of his career came eight years ago when Argentina, after years of disappointment, finally won the Cup for the first time at home in Buenos Aires. Now eight years on, and aged 33, Passarella will be com-

bad blood between him and Argentine coach Carlos Bilardo because of Passarella's close association with former coach Cesar Luis Menotti. He threatened to withdraw from the squad if he was not guaranteed a place in the team and fell out with Bilardo for several months, but the rift now seems healed, publicly at least.

Late last year there were fears that Passarella needed an operation on his right knee to relieve chronic pain, but doctors concluded after an examination that surgery was unnecessary.

He has also had a difficult time with his club since the turn of the year, and has decided to leave Fiorentina. Italian press reports have linked Passarella with a move to Internazionale, but he could stay in Latin America after the World Cup finals to end his career with a team nearer to home.

Passarella is a specialist from free kicks, and is agile and mobile about the field. He is capable of stealing upfield, unmarked and scoring vital goals, and is elegant, if sometimes a little bit too robust.



CHIT CHAT

ADELAIDE Hellas midfielder Chris Manou appears doomed to another season of being in the "red."

The giant missed the first match of the NSL because he was sent off in a State League match.

At one stage last season coach Neil McGachey made a public plea, through the media, for referees to "get off the big man's back."

Manou could be a match-winning ball-getter for the club, but if he can't avoid the wrath of refs, he is facing another frustrating season.

HECTOR MAR- TINEZ, that "well-known Argentine player", states that there are heaps of South American first division players available and ready to come to Australia at a short notice.

Mario Etchart, a well-known South American sports journalist in Sydney, fully endorses Hector's comments.

Mario states: "In my country, Uruguay, there are many first quality players wishing to come out here as the economic situation over there is not too good lately."

Mario, Australia's balance of payments the last six months hasn't been the "Georgie Best" either.

MIDFIELDER Larry Gaffney was missing from the Wollongong City team which played Blacktown.

He has been sidelined with a knee problem but had other things on his mind the day the Wolves travelled to Blacktown.

Gaffney had planned to go to Gabble Stadium but that morning he had to take his wife, Cheryl, to Wollongong Hospital to have their third child.

Gaffney reports mother and son are doing well but his knee injury will keep him out of the Wolves line-up for about three weeks.

THE forgotten man of Australian goalkeeping has got to be Marconi's **BRUCE JAMES**.

Anyone who saw his brilliant display against Sydney City would be forgiven for thinking that there couldn't be any keepers above him in the stakes for the Australian shirt.

If there was something like the AGR (Australian Goalkeeping Ratings) it would go something like this... 1 Jeff Oliver 2 Anthony Franken 3 Yakka Banovic 4 Bruce James. The consensus is that Franken will be Australia's next 'keeper.

This is not forgetting St George's ace and Australia's now retired World Cup keeper, ASW's own **TERRY GREEDY**, who, for many is still the number one man even though he has voluntarily ended his international days.

QSF officials are up in arms over a mix-up in the annual Interstate clash between NSW and Queensland at Perry Park in Brisbane on May 11.

They are going ahead with the printing of tickets despite the fact that the OASL and the NSW Soccer Federation both claim they have not ratified the game.

The president of the QSF, Mr Ian Brusasco, said: "We have a legitimate claim to the game. It was put forward last November."

FORMER Youth International team-mates... **JOE RIZZOTTO** and **FRANK FARINA** had a battle royal at Marconi Stadium in the Marconi-Sydney City match.

Both showed themselves to be in great form and were two of the best players on the field.

The two got so involved on one occasion that when Rizzotto fouled Farina, the City striker picked up the ball and motioned to the Marconi defender that the ball was what he should have been after and not his legs!

It was a cheeky touch that had both players smiling from ear to ear.

AFTER battling with Sydney City for a well deserved draw in the first round of the OASL, Newcastle Rosebuds could justifiably look forward to the Nanda Cup meeting with the Slickers.

But, it may not be so easy this time around. City have not exactly set the world on fire so far and might just be in a very mean mood by the time the Cup match arrives.

However, Newcastle are noted Cup performers and if Joe Senkalski fires then an upset could be on the cards.

THERE certainly hasn't been much luck out Marconi way concerning the players' cars.

Over the past few weeks Marty Driene's SLR Torana was stolen then found stripped of everything bar the glovebox.

Then Tony Henderson had his brand new Mazda 280 ZX written off on the way to Wollongong for the first round match in the OASL.

Hendo's thoughts: "It is a complete write-off... \$40,000 worth... geez." That about sums it up.

THE Australian Soccer Federation is not exactly flush with cash these days but its problems are nothing compared to those afflicting New Zealand.

Director of Coaching Allan Jones has been sacked because the NZ Football Association cannot afford to pay his wages.

This has, naturally, caused a storm of criticism in NZ where Jones is regarded as an excellent D of C.

The Kiwis are hard-up mainly because they lost a lot of money on sending their national team to Fiji and England and Newcastle United's tour of NZ also showed a crippling deficit.

But the coaching fraternity insists economies should be made in other directions - not by sacking the country's top coach.

MANY people were in raptures with the performance of **ANTHONY FRANKEN** for Canberra City against Canterbury.

And, rightly so. But, Anthony has a lot of work yet to do to displace Terry Greedy's understudy for the World Cup qualifiers - **JEFF OLIVER**.

Oliver has done nothing wrong so far and his battle for the no.1 spot with Franken will be intriguing to say the least.

CONGRATULATIONS to Marconi for a little yet a very important thing.

The club took quick action to have the telephone lines fixed in the press box for last Sunday's match against Sydney City after a bulldozer had ripped them up out the back of Marconi Stadium on Wednesday.

Something so small and simple yet very important for the media.

URUGUAYAN Vicente Estavilla last week nursed a troublesome injury following Sydney Olympic's 5-1 win against Inter Monaro.

We don't think Estavilla was given much sympathy by coach Manfred Schaefer who said philosophically: "He must expect these sort of knocks - he's South American and the South Americans always get kicked by opponents!"



GREGORZ LATO and Polish keeper **Jan Tomaszewski** after the match in which Poland beat Brazil 1-0 to achieve Third Place in the 1974 World Cup.

THE exclusive story broken by ASW on March 18 about APIA's signing of Polish superstar, **GREGORZ LATO** has had a few twists since then.

There is no doubt Lato will play for APIA but when is still a bit of a mystery. It is expected though that Lato along with two other Polish stars will arrive this week.

Lato who resides in Canada has gained his international clearance and now is only waiting on a work visa.

A well-known Soccer paper that circulates in Greece had a story that Canterbury Marrickville Olympic's coach, Dom Kapetanovic had secretly flown out of Australia to Greece to sign up some first division stars for Arlington Oval.

Wrong. Kapetanovic when questioned last night knew nothing about the trip.

YOU have to admire the courage of Sydney City - they put four first grade players up for sale after the team collected only one point from its first two games.

You'd think the Slickers would be afraid to get rid of any top talent at this time.

But, as ASW pointed out recently, Slickers' squad is too big and cuts had to be made.

The players available are Graeme Fletcher (\$14,000), Paul Kay (\$15,000), Peter Falconer (\$5,000) and Jimmy Cant (\$5,000).

Cant, a Soccerroo who lives in Canberra, was originally offered at \$10,000 but the NSW Federation cut that figure by half.

Andrew Kemeny, Slickers' Soccer chairman, said: "We had an offer of \$2,000 from Canberra for him. That was a bit cheeky!"

All four transfer-listed players have plenty of ability and, with so many teams desperate to strengthen their line-ups, the Slickers should have no trouble selling off Fletcher, Kay, Falconer and Cant.

THE St George scheme brought in to help home ground crowds seems to have had a good start.

The first match in which it was used was the St George-APIA clash and 2133 people went to see APIA down the Saints through a Vince Colagui goal.

In short the scheme is that a family of five, two adults and three children can get into a match for \$5! Great value but, it only applies to local juniors of the St George district.

However, it is a precedent that has been set by Saints and the other clubs could do worse than to follow this fine scheme.

As it stands everyone knows the \$5 fee for an adult is ridiculous. One idea that has surfaced is this - adults pay \$3.50, children 12-18 pay \$1.50 and children under 12 pay 50 cents, nothing out of the ordinary.

Hardly any revenue will be lost as most adults bring two or three kids with them anyhow and it will make sure our crowd figures are at least accurate with everyone accounted for.

SINCE when has Australia had such a wealth of central defenders?

Just a quick pan over the numbers four and five this year and you spot... Robert Wheatley, David Ratcliffe, Alan Hunter, Alex Robertson, Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn, Arno Bertogna, Tony Dakos, John Yzen-doom, Steve Blair and Ray Vlietstra. Impressive isn't it!

With this lot Frank Arok should have no trouble making sure the Aussies don't concede many goals.

Plenty of people consider the goalscorers are the be all and end all but, if the defence doesn't stop the goals what's the use of scoring and continually conceding?

Just look at the championship contenders and see the strength of their backlines.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC trio, from left Marshall Soper, Peter Raskopoulos and Chris Kalantzis display their new shirts whilst catching up on their soccer reading through the number soccer publication, ASW.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC at a press function held at a Coogee restaurant, announced their major sponsor for 1986.

The preceeding weeks leading up to the official announcement were sprinkled with fishy rumours that Olympic had hooked a sponsor that would sink all others on line.

The Soccer fraternity was all at sea as to the sponsor's identity.

The Sponsor? De-Costi Seafoods. Modelling Sydney Olympic's new playing shirts at the dinner, were skipper, Peter Raskopoulos, Marshall Soper, Tony Dakos and Chris Kalantzis.

The seafood firm was most impressed by the achievements of the Soccerroos in the World Cup eliminations last year.

MELITA EAGLES could not have staged a better scenario to NSW Premier Neville Wran opening their new \$500,000 grandstand than the hammering they gave Auburn.

On these sort of occasions the celebratory club usually expects a win to top off the day, but Auburn were well and truly the sacrificial party on that day being hammered 7-0!



NSW Premier Neville Wran meets **Colin MacAusland** prior to the kick-off of the Melita-Auburn match last week.

HERE'S an interesting item in the latest issue of FIFA News... Scottish football coach, age 43, looks for new position as trainer. Ex-professional player and trainer, experience in Great Britain and Arabian Gulf area. Contact address, George Blues, 145 Tryst Road, Stenhousemuir, Scotland.

Yes... it's our old friend George Blues, who was an excellent winger for Apla Leichhardt and Australia and who later coached the Apla side.

George was Rothmans Medal winner in NSW in 1970.

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YOU'VE got to feel a little sorry for South Melbourne's stoic defender, **BOBBY RUSSELL**.

Last week in South's loss to Heidelberg Russell headed home what he thought was a perfectly legitimate goal and one which would have levelled the scores.

But, to Bobby's utter bewilderment, the 'goal' was disallowed.

The expression on his face said it all: "I didn't touch the keeper ref!"

And how right he was... It was striker Charlie Egan who infringed Jeff Oliver.

Being a defender and having a goal disallowed is bad enough but, if it was going to be your first since 1983 then it really does hurt!

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FULL marks to referee **CHRIS BAMBRIDGE**, who controlled the South-Heidelberg match with aplomb.

The decisions he made were quick and to the point and, better still, is the fact that the all-important decisions... Gary McDowell's send-off, Russell's disallowed goal and a couple of penalty appeals were correctly dealt with.

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WHILE SA referee Donald Campbell missed out on a place in the World Cup finals in Mexico, despite his 16 years on the FIFA list, he may yet make the international scene.

We understand he will be considered for the Olympic Games.



JOHN YZENDOORN in high-flying action.

IN walloping Melbourne Croatia 4-0, Brunswick Juventus looked the goods but made Croatia and, especially their defence, look very ordinary.

To say the scoreline flattered Croatia is not to understate the fact. It could have been closer to 10.

Young Mirko Runje had a horror day in between the 'sticks' and had it not been for a few goal-line clearances the scoreboard attendant would have run out of numbers.

Seriously, though, for a side being billed as probably the best in the OASL, Croatia have a long way to go before living up to that kind of talk.

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ONE really disappointing thing to come out of Round 2 of the OASL was the sending-off of South Melbourne's midfielder, Gary McDowell.

Not that it was an incorrect decision by the referee, it was fully deserved, but because McDowell was going along very well until his misdemeanour.

It was a bad challenge and fully earned the wrath of the man-in-black — Chris Bambridge.

Also, the trend of players nowadays to stay on the field and argue with the ref once shown the red card is becoming increasingly disturbing. Let's hope it doesn't continue.

Once sent off players should get off the field as ordered.

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ROY THOMPSON, Canberra City's dry-humoured Scottish boss, when asked to comment on the record transfer of \$32,000 he received from Sydney Croatia for striker Manis Lamond:

"There's no worries about collecting the money. The cash is already in the bank."

"The only worry I have is getting it back out of the bank to buy some players."

And if that wasn't enough, big Roy followed up with a second shot:

"I thought Canberra City was a Greek-backed club. But now I am highly suspicious that the Canberra board must have Scottish ancestors lurking in the club's corridors somewhere."

PAUL BLUTE, the SA State League striker who always appears to be going somewhere but invariably remains with Croatia, is on the move again.

This time Brisbane Lions has been named as the club he wants to join in the NSL after falling out with Croatia three games into the SA State League.

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PRIOR to the Adelaide City-Footscray match the other week, home coach Zoran Matic praised the abilities of Footscray's new boss Dragoslav Sekularac.

"He was a great player and he obviously is a fine coach," said Matic of the man who was regarded as the Yugoslav clone of England's Stanley Matthews or Brazil's Pele.

"Footscray is an impressive team, but we will try to match them and at least we will play entertaining Soccer," said Matic.

Then he sent his team out to thrash the opposition 7-1!

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WOLLONGONG CITY'S Bernie Godzik tasted the ups and downs of Soccer in the space of just one week recently.

In the opening round, Godzik was in the Wolves' youth team which lost 4-0 to Marconi and he looked very disillusioned in the dressing room after the game.

Seven days later he was called up to the senior team at the last minute to replace left-back Jack Morlando.

Best known as a midfielder or winger, Godzik showed his versatility and professionalism by turning in a top performance against Blacktown.

Unfortunately he still didn't have too much to smile about in the dressing room as the unlucky Wolves went down 1-0.

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ASW is constantly on the look-out for "good-looking" following Soccer.

Any club that has attractive girls amongst their fans, are asked to send in their photos, preferably wearing the club's team shirt with details for publication as ASW's "Soccer Beauty" of the week.



ALAN HUNTER denies NSW skipper JOHN KOSMINA during an interstate clash.

APIA LEICHHARDT are having a drive to interest young spectators in their new-look team.

Apia's trouble is their supporters are largely in the middle-aged or elderly group.

"If we can get the new generation of Italians, the young people, to support the team, Apia will really be back in business," commented club president Nick Papallo.

THE news that Czechoslovakia has confirmed their tour of Australia encompassing three internationals with the Soccercoos is great news.

The matches will be played on August 3, 6 and 10 and one of them is likely to be at the very impressive Parramatta Stadium.

IT seems as if **LES SCHEINFLUG** will take over as Australian Youth coach without doubt.

Frank Arok has spoken to 'Fluggers' and made it clear he would like him to take the position.

The Marconi coach told ASW: "Now I have to meet Sir Arthur George and speak to him on the matter and the developments will come from then on."

TWO definite candidates for Australian selection this year have got to be the Heidelberg pair of **ALAN HUNTER** and **MIKE VALENTINE**.

For Valentine, selection in the Soccercoo squad would be nothing new as he has previously been there and done that, so to speak.

Hunter, though, has not represented Australia as yet... It shouldn't be too far away, though.

The Queensland rep has performed admirably for his new club since his move from Brisbane to replace Charlie Yankos (now at Adelaide Hellas).

The most pleasing thing about Hunter is his complete coolness in defence and the manner in which he takes charge. His only problem in his attempt to grab the green and gold is the man he replaced at Heidelberg — Yankos.

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A FEW weeks ago Sydney City supremo Eddie Thomson wrote in his column in the Sunday Telegraph that he can see Sydney Olympic's Marshall Soper teaming up with John Kosmina again for the Soccercoos.

As far as one can remember and 'ET' mentions it, national coach Frank Arok made it clear that Soper lost his Aussie chance when he dropped out of the World Cup qualifiers.

Will Arok take the temperamental striker back? Of course a lot depends also on David Mitchell's situation with his German Club. If he is available he should be the first man picked.

It would make interesting copy to hear what Eddie Krncevic would have to say either way.

Forget Johnston, Dorigo and Bernal, Krncevic wants to play for Australia. The fact that he hasn't since the early 1980's is the biggest waste of Soccer skill encountered in the Australian round ball game.

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URUGUAYAN imports Saul Rivero and Leon Arcosa have settled in well after signing with Wollongong City.

They were originally based at Fairfield and had to travel to training three nights a week but have now been found a flat in a suburb south of Wollongong.

Their arrival has certainly caused a stir among Soccer fans on the South Coast and attendances at training have soared.

One night officials counted almost 100 people who had dropped by to watch the team train and more to the point watch Rivero practice his free kicks.

One Wolves official is thinking of running a raffle on training nights.



The Melita Eagles committee pictured on official opening day of the Melita stand with NSW Premier Neville Wran. The crowd on the day was 3910!

AFTER a lengthy wait, Brisbane Lions striker Joe Cairney has been granted permanent residency.

And it couldn't be more timely for Lions. Until last week's good news, Scotsman Cairney was among the three visa players on Lions books. The others were Scottish import Jim Morton and his St Johnstone teammate Frank Liddell, who has signed a two-year contract and is expected back in Australia within a week.

But Lions are also negotiating with a talented Irish striker.

Cairney's permanent residency now gives the club a visa spot to bring out the Irishman if the deal is finalised.

WHEN Sydney Croatia finally landed their big fish, \$32,000 Manis Lamond from Canberra City, it was the end of a marathon effort by the Sydney club to buy the Papua New Guinea youngster.

"We have been after Lamond for five months," said a relieved Croatia coach Vedran Rozic after Lamond signed the forms.

Rozic agrees the club had to pay a lot of money for the player but pointed out: "If you pay big money for an outstanding player, it is always a sound investment."

By the way, ambitious Sydney Olympic made a late bid to buy Lamond but coach Manfred Schaefer admitted: "We were just too late - the boy was signed up before we could do business."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC's pocket-dynamo midfielder **GARY PHILLIPS** must be one of the most courageous players going around.

Phillips was told by doctors some eight months back that he had two fractured vertebra in his back.

This tragic discovery forced him out of football in the second round of the National League last year.

After being told that he could end up in a wheelchair he opted for a long rest from football and for a time his beloved surfing.

Phillips is back now and in the Olympic first grade and performing as well as ever, something that has him and his coach Manfred Schaefer beaming!

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP

THIS year's Intersvarsity Soccer Competition will be hosted by Sydney University in May 12th-16th, 1986.

The Competition is an annual event that has been running since 1947 and attracts approximately 300 male and female contestants from most of the 19 Australian Universities. All the games in this year's event will be played in the idyllic surroundings of four Campus ovals, including No.1 Oval, which offers excellent viewing facilities and is the site of Sydney 1st Grade Rugby and Cricket matches.

The Intersvarsity Competition is likely to be of interest to the Australian public for a number of reasons. The standard of football is extremely high,

with National Soccer League players and members of the Australian Womens Soccer Team regularly attending.

Furthermore, increasing attention is being focused by the media on youth Soccer in Australia, especially at a time of success by Australian youth teams in overseas tours.

At the Competition an Australian Universities Team is chosen to play representative matches against such teams as New Zealand Universities and the Australian Institute of Sport. A Tour is planned by the Australian Universities Team in 1987 to

either New Zealand, Japan, or perhaps to the World Student Games in Zagreb.

Finally, the Australian public would be interested to learn that Universities foster more than just the traditional games of Rugby and Cricket.

The Sydney University Soccer Football Club, for example, is one of the largest clubs in the University Sports Union, and has had success recently both in Australia (the 1sts and 2nds were both semi-finalists in the Inter-Urban 1st Division in 1985) and overseas (World Amateur Runners-Up in Hawaii in 1981, and South Pacific Universities Games Winners at Fiji in 1984).

ten minutes remaining but they threw away both points as Joseph's low shot from 30 metres out whistled in at the near-post.

Speaking after the match, a very disappointed Olympia player-coach, Ken Morton, said that he would like to make at least eight changes to the side, if he had the replacement, and that he would definitely be looking to sign at least three new players soon to fill key positions.

Calies' coach, Tommy

DEREK TODD GOES

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

DIMINUTIVE striker Derek Todd left for England and home last weekend after an unsettled start to the new season.

Todd, whom Newcastle Rosebud United coach Peter Irving cut from his squad two weeks ago, was given a reprieve when Rosebud secretary Ernie Lamb cleared him to play with Inter-Monaro against Sydney Olympic.

Todd scored Inter's only goal in its heavy defeat and returned to Newcastle with the request to be flown home.

After showing his skills with Coffs Harbour in the Northern NSW State League a few seasons ago, Todd joined Newcastle and became an instant hero when he scored the only goal of the match against Melbourne Croatia in the 1984 National League Cup Final in Melbourne.

Wright, a former stalwart at Olympia, was delighted with his side's win.

He blamed his players' lack of fitness for Olympia's revival in the last quarter of an hour which saw them score twice in six minutes as they methodically carved open the Calies defence.

Olympia were missing Peter Sherman, who is reported to be playing Aussie Rules, and coach Ken Morton said that Sherman no longer featured in his plans for the club.

Michael Goldsmith gave Olympia the lead in the 4th minute from the penalty spot after Joseph and Dodds had combined to bring Forster down and



LYDIA McKAY is ASW's delightfully striking SOCCER BEAUTY this week.

Lydia is pictured wearing a Sydney Olympic shirt and she is a fervent supporter of the side mainly because her boy friend is Sydney Olympic utility man, Stuart Johnston.

Lovely Lydia is from Belfast, Northern Ireland and has represented her country in both Soccer and Hockey and is currently playing in the NSW Womens Soccer League for Putney Town. She also works as a Statistical Analyst in Computers and admires the skills of the great Frenchman, Michel Platini.

Olympia created several reasonable chances in the next half hour without increasing their lead.

The equaliser also came from the penalty spot after 33 minutes. Murtagh received a push in the back and Joseph scored comfortably to Burden's right.

In Parker's looping shot, which appeared to take a deflection as he struck it, gave Calies a 2-1 lead at the interval.

Glen Burrows' long-range effort sailed

through Martin Burden's hands in the 69th minute to increase Calies' lead before Olympia launched their revival with 16 minutes remaining.

Perry Forster was at the heart of the assault. In the 74th minute, he tore down the right flank and cut the ball back for Xanthopoulos to score and, six minutes later, he knocked the ball wide to Nichols on the left who fired home from an acute angle.

Calies seemed to have blown it at that stage.

Their defenders were not marking their opponents and the midfielders were not getting back to assist.

They held out, however, and with only seconds remaining, Olympia conceded a free-kick as Gorniak brought down Lockley. It was then that Joseph stepped up to play the role of hero.

Juventus-Pioneer, the holders of the Cadbury State League title, almost

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CALEDONIANS LEAVE IT VERY LATE

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

A last-minute goal from a free-kick by Andrew Joseph gave Caledonians a 4-3 win over Olympia-WPL in the Cadbury State League match-of-the-day at South Hobart.

Olympia had staged a magnificent comeback after being 3-1 down at one stage to draw level

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Terry Greedy

TERRY VENTS HIS FEELINGS ON TV CUP



THE World Cup is without question the greatest single sporting event in the world.

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Whilst the rest of the world waits in anticipation for the games to start, we in Australia are greeted with the news that the national coverage, through the ABC, will be limited to about nine games live from the 52-match tournament.

And we are supposed to be over the moon to hear that we will be able to see edited highlights late each night.

The number of people who play or follow Soccer in Australia surely warrants better coverage at a more realistic time so that everyone has the opportunity to view this spectacle.

Surely lobbying from "senior" officials would have some bearing on the ABC's coverage.

It appears SBS will once again be the only channel prepared to give Soccer and its followers a fair deal. Negotiations have been completed for SBS to televise a minimum of 17 games live. Unfortunately, this means the majority of Australians will be deprived of watching the games because of the limited viewing area for SBS.

Hopefully sanity will prevail.

"PROMOTION PAYS" is obviously the lesson to come out of the Swans first home game against Collingwood. Twenty thousand turned out to see the Swans after an extensive campaign had been launched pre-season to make the people of Sydney aware of the Swans and Aussie Rules.

Of these who attended, I'm sure many would have gone along to see what all the fuss was about and after the way the game was promoted and presented, many will return.



ADRIAN ALSTON

In contrast, the Soccer headlines continually served up by some major newspapers are related to overseas Soccer.

Quite often the only local news we get is regarding next year's NSL format and the impending battles which will undoubtedly occur.

What a shame more energy and space is not used to promote the excellent games that are on offer to the public. Maybe this would assist in converting more people into regular spectators.



IN a sport where many former international players have been lost to the game completely, it is heartening to see some internationals of the past 10 to 12 years beginning to establish themselves in the coaching arena.

Names such as Manfred Schaefer, Atti Abonyi, Adrian Alston, Ron Corry and others have had considerable success to date with teams in both the State and National Leagues.

But a name probably forgotten by most, except those who played against them (they would definitely have little reminders up and down their shins to help jog the memories) is that of Ernest (Ernie) Campbell.

After several years out of the "big time," Ernie has recently agreed to play, for an undisclosed sum, with an, as yet, relatively unknown club.

The club, Menai Hawks, has also been instrumental in pulling off several other signing coups.

As the years have passed, the deadly striking power and pace which was synonymous with the name Ernie Campbell may have dimmed but, so impressed were the Hawks officials with the skills still in his game, they have plunged into the transfer market and surrounded Ernie with players of similar pace so as to complement his game.

Other notable acquisitions to the Hawks' ranks include Greg Lynch (he's had more clubs than Conan the Barbarian), Dave Tansley (ex-just about everywhere) Wally Lachowicz (ex-Western Suburbs).

The man with the unenviable task of knitting these "senior citizens" into a working unit is Greg Byles, also a former West-erner.



Having witnessed at first-hand the dedicated approach to training these players have continuously displayed in past years, I'm sure this will be the year of the Hawks.

Good luck gents. Make sure they have oxygen available on the side-line.

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Planning for my May School Holiday coaching clinic, sponsored by A.E.I. Group Transport and Services, is complete and I am sure the panel of coaches I have been able to assemble will have much to offer all players who attend.

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Terry Greedy

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came unstuck against a Rapid side that was seriously handicapped by the absence of the Dilba twins, John and Jack, because of an amazing lack of foresight on Saturday.

Both players appeared in the club's third-team, making them ineligible for the seniors in the same round of matches.

Rapid overcame this disadvantage and, after surviving Juventus' initial attacks, they made the most of a Juventus misunderstanding in defence to take the lead in the 20th minute.

Darko, unaware that his goalkeeper was right behind him, played a back-pass across the face of goal, allowing Hans Streit to score his first goal for his new club.

Juventus tried everything to get back into the game but excellent goalkeeping by Phil Kannegiesser and solid performances by Nikolai, Greenwood, Fletcher and Koch, kept them out.

Juventus defender Alis-tair Cochrane had barely been carried from the field on a stretcher with a knee injury when Rapid conceded a penalty which Broadhouse promptly converted.

The same player scored the winner with seven minutes remaining and coach David Smith's sighs of relief from the bench could almost be heard from the grandstand.

Details: Caledonians 4 (Joseph 2, including 1 penalty, Burrows, Parker) d Olympia-WPL 3 (Goldsmith, pen., Xanthopoulos, Nichols); Juventus-Pioneer 2 (Broadhouse 2, including 1 penalty) d Rapid 1 (Streit).

LLOYD DOESN'T SEEK MIRACLES

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

FORMER World Cup midfielder Ray Lloyd has taken over the coaching reins at Lake Macquarie City, one of the 10 clubs that make up the streamlined Northern NSW Soccer Federation's State First Division.

Lloyd, an outstanding player in his playing days with Newcastle Austral (now Austral United) played his early football in the UK with Skelmersdale United.

He took over at Lake Macquarie from Mike Trebilcock who, as a late inclusion, scored two goals in Everton's FA Cup final win at Wembley in 1966.

Lloyd said he was not expecting miracles from his young squad but there was enough enthusiasm in the side to worry any other team in the championship.

Of immediate concern to Lloyd is the knee injury that has kept his star striker David Simpson sidelined, although his temporary absence from the Lake Macquarie line-up may give English import Mark Smith — who had a miserable 1985 season due to a variety of injuries — to show his real form.

Nevertheless, Lake Macquarie began the 1986 season well enough with an unexpected win over West Wallsend, the 1985 grand final winner, in the final of the pre-season Alcan Cup competition.

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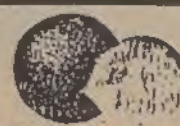
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SOUNESS PLAN SHELVED

PLANS for Graeme Souness and family to settle in Australia have had to be shelved for the time being.

The Scottish international skipper hopes to be fully occupied for many years in his new job as player-manager of Glasgow Rangers.

Souness cost Rangers \$600,000 last week when he was signed from Italian club Sampdoria. Obviously, for that sort of money, Rangers expect their glamour recruit to perform on the field as well as off.

But it is as team manager of the famous, though recently depressed, Ibrox club that Souness will face his biggest headaches.

Rangers and Celtic used to be the only real giants in Scottish football.

Then Celtic enjoyed their remarkable run of championships guided by Jock Stein and Rangers were left trailing.

Since then, other clubs like Aberdeen, Dundee United and, this season, Heart of Midlothian, have been setting the pace for the various trophies, making the famous Ibrox Park a hall of memories!

Rangers demand success. When they finish runners-up in the Premier Division, they regard it as a wasted season!

Jock Wallace, sacked as Rangers manager last week, did not bring the club the success it sought



IT'S ANYONE'S WORLD CUP IN MEXICO . . .



**This week
JOHN WARREN,
gives his World
Cup thoughts**

A LITTLE over a month till "the greatest show on earth" kicks off in Mexico and your guess is as good as anyone's who will take out the 13th World Championship.

The World Cup itself, and for that matter the World Youth Cup, has been the most traditional of championships.

Only six nations have ever won the World Cup — Italy, Brazil, West Germany, Uruguay, England and Argentina.

With both England and Argentina winning it at home, both in somewhat questionable circumstances, it is fair to say four nations have dominated the World Cup.

Even at youth level, since the WYC became the official World Cup in Australia in 1981, again, only two nations have won it and again they are from the traditional winners — West Germany (1981) Brazil (1983 and 1985).

So the Brazil's, Italy's, Uruguay's and West Germany's earn most points towards favouritism.

Still in the most open World Cup on record with so many outstanding teams, the winner could well come out of the clouds, as Italy did in 1982, to grab the title.

FIFA itself gives a one line preview to the finalists in this manner:—

Brazil . . . "Can they live up to their reputation".

Argentina . . . "If Maradona is in form, anything is possible."

Uruguay . . . "South America's champions . . . can they live up to this in Mexico?"

West Germany . . . "Success is their duty."

Italy . . . "Are they as strong as in 1982?"

Denmark . . . "The best team this country has ever produced."

England . . . "Traditions to be lived up to."

Belgium . . . "This team is full of surprises."

Mexico . . . "The people have faith in their team."

Algeria . . . "More than just an outsider."

Morocco . . . "A chance for the technicians."

Iraq . . . "Great enthusiasm, determination, will that be enough?"

South Korea . . . "For many a secret favourite."

Canada . . . "For them even qualifying was a huge success."

Paraguay . . . "An outsider with great expectations."

USSR . . . "Have been waiting a long time for success."

Scotland . . . "A long time participant but when will they make a breakthrough?"

Poland . . . "The outsider among the seeded teams."

Spain . . . "Looking for revenge since the World Cup in their country."

Portugal . . . "Each victory signifies a success."

Hungary . . . "Their days of glory lie a long way back."

Northern Ireland . . . "Will they be the big surprises again as they were in Spain?"

Bulgaria . . . "Eastern Europe's big enigma."

France . . . "The crowning success for Platini."

Fifty two nations have appeared in the World Cup finals. Not surprisingly, Brazil heads the all-time table followed by West Germany and Italy.

Australia, thanks to its sole appearance in the 1974 World Cup finals ranks 41st, one place behind Morocco and one in front of Columbia.



ABOVE: The pinnacle of World football supremacy, THE WORLD CUP standing in all its glory. JOHNNY WARREN believes any team could get their hands on it in Mexico. (RIGHT) The great MICHEL PLATINI. Can he guide France to a victory?

SAD SOLUTION

I DON'T profess to know the solutions for the National Soccer League's problems.

In fact I am more than sympathetic to those trying to put the national competition into its "right" format.

A lot of that sympathy stems from involvement in the national concept from the very first days.

For the record it was two Sydney clubs — Sydney City and St George who were the instigators in forming the National League.

I know too well for back in 1975 when I was the manager coach of St George I had to contact interested parties for the very first meeting of interested clubs.

Some accepted, some were violently opposed to the concept. Ironically those violently opposed are the ones now sitting in the box seat to win a place in the lucky 14 for next year's proposed National League.

Those attending that inaugural meeting at St George Budapest Soccer Club on Saturday April 5, 1975 were: Hakoah (Sydney City) St George, Bris-

bane Lions, Marconi, Adamstown, Western Suburbs, APIA, Adelaide Juventus (Adelaide City) and West Adelaide Hellas.

If I don't know the answers for the National League I do know that the proposed criteria to decide the 14 teams in next year's league is decidedly unfair.

My thoughts on this matter are contained in a recent Sun Herald column which I repeat below.

In addition to these thoughts the fact that playing record does not include NSL Cup matches is unfair especially to teams like Brisbane City. And the crowd content is unfair to all clubs not based in Sydney and Melbourne.

For example the Newcastle, Adelaide, Brisbane and Canberra clubs are at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to crowds because when they play at home they draw only one set of supporters — their own — as opposed to most Sydney and Melbourne matches which draw upon two sets of supporters.



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With Greg Russell

ANGRY QSF OFFICIALS

CLAIMS by the National League that Queensland's annual clash with NSW "is nothing more than a friendly match" have angered QSF officials.

The down grading of the match was made by NSL executive Mr Tony Labbozzetta last week as a furore developed over whether NSL clubs would release their players for the proposed May 11 game.

The matter was to be discussed at last weekend's ASF executive meeting but QSF president Ian Brusasco and NSW's John Constantine had no doubts the May 11 plans would get the green light.

That means the NSL fixture list on that day will have to be altered, or postponed — or worse still, clubs will have to go ahead with matches minus their top players.

But the Queensland Soccer Federation is claiming the NSL has only itself to blame.

"This is not a friendly match. It is an important part of the Australian team selection," Brusasco said.

"The match gives Queensland players a chance to bid for national selection, while it also provides an opportunity for the national coach to test other players in a higher grade of football.

"Let's not forget that it was after last year's interstate clash that Frank Arok called Gerry Gomez and Graham Arnold into his squad."

QSF secretary Alan Vessey is quick to point out that the National League was given ample warning of the clash, which is now in its fourth year.

"An official letter of invitation was sent to the NSW Soccer Federation and confirmation of their acceptance was received on November 27 last year. Three days later the National League was told the match was on and advised quite clearly of the May 11 date and the necessity to call on players from NSL clubs," he said.

The NSL in fact acknowledged that letter when it released its original 1986 draw. The derby between Brisbane City and Lions was scheduled on May 11, therefore allowing for a simple deferment, enabling the game to be played in Brisbane mid-week.

But the NSL switched its draw and now Lions are expected to travel to Melbourne on May 11 to play Sunshine George Cross. Yet the club has nine players in the Queensland squad.

The potential problems in Sydney are even greater.

The match of the day in the Northern Division on May 11 is a Barton Park

clash between St George and Marconi. Those clubs could quite reasonably expect Dave Ratcliffe, Terry Greedy, Rod Brown, David Lowe and Peter Tredinnick to be named in Alan Vest's NSW squad.

Would Frank Arok or Les Scheinflug care to go in the game without those players?

But both state federations are adamant the game will go on, at full strength, and its up to the NSL to accommodate it.



ROD BROWN

John Constantine already has given the QSF an assurance that nothing but a full strength Blues side will come north.

"As a matter of purpose and pride, NSW does not play anyone or anywhere unless we field the strongest side possible," he said.

The match is a costly exercise for the QSF and it depends on Soccerroo stars in the Blues side to help draw a big gate and recoup expenses.

"Queensland led the other state federations in pioneering a return to interstate football four years ago. We have staged this match every year since and we are not about to be stopped this year by the National League," Brusasco said.

"This game is vitally important in firstly letting our young players see Soccerroos like John Kosmina, Frank Farina and David Ratcliffe and also giving our players like Danny Wright and Russell Stewart the chance to make national team claims."

For the record, NSW has won two of the past three clashes, 3-1 (1985) and 2-0 (1984). Queensland won the match in 1983, 3-1, ironically when NSW fielded a side largely of State League players.

"That point alone proves how serious we are," Brusasco said.

"We could agree to a second string NSW side coming to Perry Park so we would have a better chance of winning the clash. But you can't fool people like that."

"Both states have a commitment to themselves and Australian Soccer to put the best 11 players on the park possible."

QUEENSLANDER'S PRO-LIONS

BRISBANE LIONS players again dominate the Queensland squad to take on New South Wales at Perry Park on May 11 (if the game goes ahead).

Queensland and NSW officials are at loggerheads regarding the staging of the match. According to Queensland, the match will go ahead, but NSW claims that no date was ever set and, as far as they are concerned, there will be problems trying to find a suitable date.

Despite this, Queensland selectors have gone ahead selecting a squad with a heavy reliance on Brisbane Lions players.

The club has nine players in a squad of 18 named last week by Maroons coach Bruce Stowell.

The Queensland squad is: Wayne Evans, Alan Niven, Steve Jackson, David Hunter, John Ogden, Russell Stewart, John Stewart, Danny Wright, Jim Morton (all Lions), Kim Wishart, Frank Mengotti, Garry Bromfield, Keiran Cooper, Glenn Archer (all Brisbane City), Martin Kirsopp (Mount Gravatt), Dave Wheeler (Coalstars), Gordon Buchanan (North Star) and Mike Cernaka (Olympic United).

Ten of the squad were in the 14 which were beaten 3-1 by the Blues at Perry Park last year. They are Wishart, Archer, Jackson, Niven, John and Russell Stewart, Ogden, Wheeler, Wright and Evans.

The squad will now undergo four training nights before the match, which was expected to be Wheeler, from XXXX League club Coalstars,

also is one who has done little to impress this season — but he was the scorer of Queensland's goal last



RUSSELL STEWART ratified and finalised at the ASF executive meeting last weekend.

Stowell also hopes to play at least one trial game after which he will trim the 18 by four.

Much of the squad was predictable, although a few players obviously have been named on what they did for Stowell last year in the interstate clash and on tour to Fiji, rather than their form this season.

Lions midfielder Ogden has not been playing well and is close to losing his place in the club's NSL starting XI. City keeper Kim Wishart's form also has been indifferent in the pre-season, although he has edged back to his best in recent weeks.

year and had a fine tour of the Islands.

The inclusion of Frank Mengotti is reward for the youngster's rapid improvement in recent weeks while it has taken imports Kerian Cooper, from Ireland and Scot Jim Morton only a few weeks to show Stowell they are classy enough to wear the Maroon.

Kirsopp, the talented midfielder from Mount Gravatt, Buchanan, an Alan-Niven type fullback from North Star and Olympic's stopper Cernaka clinched their selections with good performances in the recent Brisbane-Ipswich intercity clash, which was billed as a state team trial.

The most notable omission is Brisbane City striker Alan Reis. Reis was a member of last year's Maroons side for the interstate clash, although he was substituted midway through the second half.

The former Canberra striker then made himself unavailable for the Fiji tour selection because of work commitments. Those points aside, his form has only been patchy so far this season with City.

IPSWICH DOWN BRISBANE

IPSWICH are the reigning intercity champions in Queensland after beating Brisbane 2-1 in their annual clash last week.

But considerable criticism has surfaced after the game, which is promoted as an official state team trial.

The two teams consist of non-National League players playing with XXXX clubs within the two city's boundaries. The idea of the match, which was revived last year after a nine year break, is to give Queensland coach Bruce Stowell a chance to see budding state squad members in a more competitive match than the pre-season tournaments or the early XXXX League games.

Roderick.

While Stowell refused to enter the argument on team selections he was critical of the players involved.

"I thought there would have been more players out there with the commitment to show me what they could do. Some just went through the motions," he said.

Dave Wheeler, Martin Kirsopp, Mike Cernaka and Gordon Buchanan were the only players involved in the intercity clash who were later named in the Queensland squad — and Wheeler and



JOHN STEWART

That's what it is intended for. But this year's game was anything but competitive.

Few players in either team showed any determination or will to win. The match was like a training game.

Brisbane captain Eric Thompson blamed the criteria behind the match for it turning into a non-event.

"Because the game is billed as XXXX League players only chance to get into the Queensland squad it results in 22 players running around all trying to impress."

"The whole match was a very individual thing. No-one wanted to play as a team."

Thompson has suggested that if Stowell wanted a trial for XXXX League players, then that's what he should have arranged.

"It's ludicrous that this match should be Stowell's chance to watch potential state team players, yet he picks neither team."

Brisbane this year was picked and coach by Mal Bland while Ipswich's coach was Gary Wilkins and co-selector John

Cernaka already had a foot in after being named in the Maroons squad last year.

No-one outside of the NSL clubs and the two intercity teams was named in the state squad, which further highlighted that criticism of Bland's Brisbane team was off-target.

Brisbane won last year's intercity clash 4-2 on penalties after a scoreless 120 minutes. But Ipswich were always looking to avenge that result and despite a spirited first half of Brisbane, always appeared to have the match in their keeping in the second half.

A goal by Mark Brusasco for Ipswich was negated by a fine effort by Brisbane's Jim McDonagh, but it was Brusasco and Wheeler who brilliantly combined for the winner.

Brusasco carried the ball from the halfway into Brisbane territory and drew the Reds defenders. With a perfectly timed pass he pushed Wheeler through the gap and his Coalstars team-mate had no trouble slotting under Brisbane keeper Rob Farrow.

'I'M LAUGHING!'

BRISBANE LIONS' bank manager is laughing!

So far this season it seems all transactions between the club and its bank have been one way — money coming in.

In fact the Lions coffers have never looked better.

Sold so far this season include Alan Hunter for \$16,000, Tony Redmond

for \$2200, Phil Redmond for \$2000, Jim McDonagh for \$2500, Calvin Daunt for \$3000, plus numerous other smaller deals which have netted various sums between \$500 and \$1000.

Add to that the rich Fosters sponsorship, believed to be about \$50,000 a backing by Lotto Sportswear understood to be valued at more than \$8000 plus a \$30,000 injection into the clubs juniors announced last weekend.

The sponsorship is from local firm ABSCO Industries. A cheque was presented by ABSCO's John Scholtes to Lions president John Morcus last weekend.

"This is a tremendous boost that will enable Lions to 'foster' their juniors. Our young player can now be given the best facilities and coaching to give every boy the opportunity to advance and give his best bid at making the National League team," Morcus said.



DANNY WRIGHT

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A CHAMPION SIDE NEVER HAVING REALISED ITS POTENTIAL — BELGIUM

Frank Coletta runs the rule over them.

The Belgians have for so many years promised so much yet have failed to produce the goods.

The progress towards their seventh World Cup Final series has been without fuss and well thought if a little cagey.

Why shouldn't it be a little reserved either?

In 1984 Belgium's football was ripped to shreds by one of those all too frequent, nowadays, bribe scandals.

The scandal involved the club sides, Standard Liege and Waterschei.

The article below explains what actually happened.

What is amazing about the banning of these players is that the scapegoat, namely former captain Eric Gerets, was then told he would never play in Belgium or for his country again.

Now he is once again firmly entrenched in the Belgian national side while he turns out in Holland for PSV Eindhoven — such is the stature of world football in Europe, where decisions can be quickly reversed. Paolo Rossi must not believe it!

The Belgians only real honour of note was their runners-up effort to West Germany in the 1980 European Championships

in Italy.

Their record in the World Cup leaves a lot to be desired, and a lot on which they can improve — even though they were among the elite four from Europe who made the trip to Uruguay for the first finals in 1930.

Belgium began their attempt for Mexican qualification with a 3-1 win over Albania through goals by Claesen, Scifo and Voordeckers.

Then they went to Athens to meet Greece and were held to a shock 0-0 draw.

If that result was a shock then the 2-0 loss to Albania veritably rocked the foundation Belgium is built on.

Goals by Josa and Minga secured the monumental upset.

Albania had now confirmed themselves as real chances for qualification from Europe's Group 1 following a 2-2 draw with Poland in Krakow.

But Greece put an abrupt end to any Albanian illusions with a 2-0 win in Athens.

Surely this Group was proving the most baffling of all World Cup qualifying groups.

Belgium steadied the boat somewhat with a 2-0 win over Greece in Brussels, goals coming from captain Frankie Vercauteren and Italian-born striker Vincenzo Scifo.

The Belgians had well and truly hit their straps now and they took Poland by the same score in Brussels.

Once again Vercauteren scored and the other was

sunk by Erwin Vandenbergh.

The final match between Poland and Belgium decided which side would qualify directly and who would have to play-off with Holland of Group 5 for a spot in Mexico.

The match in Poland was drawn 0-0 giving the home side the Group win on superior goals scored.

The Belgians then were forced to play-off against Holland.

SEPTEMBER 11

Chorzow — WC Euro group 1

Poland 0

Belgium 0

Att: 70,000.

Ref: Valentine (Scotland)

Poland: Mlynarczyk — Pawlak, Wojcicki, Przybys, Ostrowski, Matysik, Komornicki, Urban, Boniek (Buncol 86), Smolarek (Palasz 63), Dziekanowski.

Belgium: Pfaff — Gerets, Grun (De Grijse 52), Plessers, Renquin, Franky Van der Elst, Ceulemans, Scifo, Vandereycken, Vandenbergh (Clijsters 73), Voordeckers.

Poland clinched their place in the World Cup finals with this draw which sealed their goal-difference lead over Belgium. The Belgians then play-off against Holland for a ticket to the finals. Poland dominated the first half and came closest to scoring in the 39th minute when a shot from Zbigniew Boniek struck the bar. In the 44th minute a "goal" was



Jean-Marie Pfaff, once Belgium's undisputed first choice goalkeeper, has been told Bayern Munich don't want him next season.

Injury cost Pfaff his Belgium shirt and now he cannot break back into Bayern's line-up. Inactivity could cost Pfaff (left) his ticket to Mexico.

briefly claimed by the Belgians when Enzo Scifo's 25-metre shot appeared to catch goalkeeper Mlynarczyk napping. Fortunately he recovered his concentration in time to save. Poland's coach Antoni Piechniczek said: "The match must have been a horror to watch because of people's reaction to the lack of goals."

"It is a great thing to draw with an outstanding side such as Belgium but we could have won as well. We had at least

three clear scoring chances while Belgium had none."

In the second half Belgium began to take control in midfield with Plessers and Ceulemans both embarrassing the Polish defensive cover. In the 68th minute it took a last-ditch clearance from Komornicki to sweep the ball from Ceulemans's feet close in the 55th minute. But the last dangerous moment of the match came in the 85th minute: former Belgian captain Eric Gerets

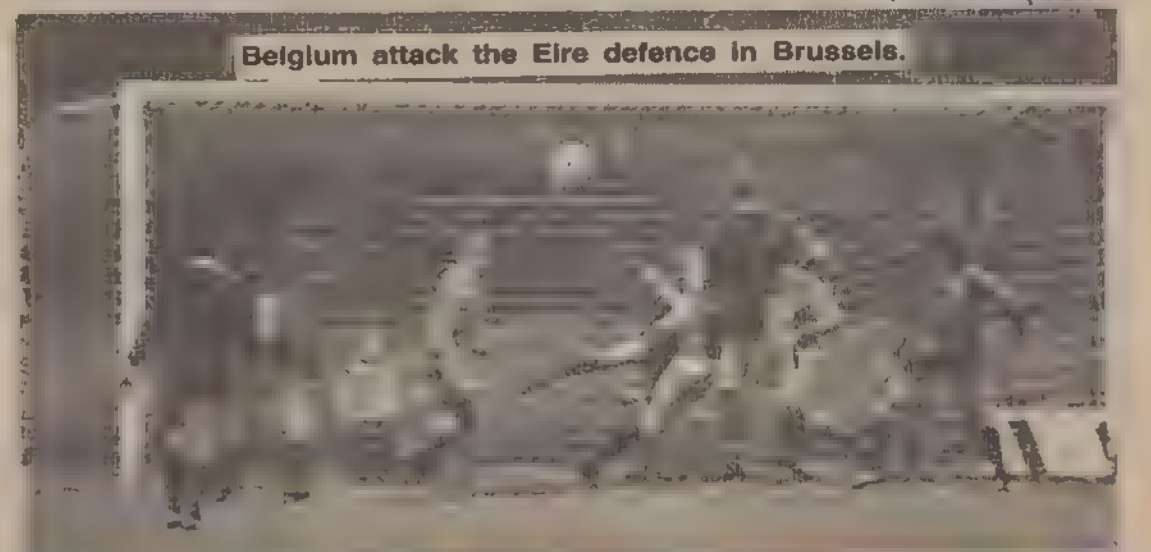
— recalled after 18 months in the wilderness following a bribes scandal — was up-ended on the edge of the penalty area but Scottish referee Valentine waved away Belgian protests.

OCTOBER 16 1985
Brussels (Parc Astrid) — WC Euro groups 1/5 play-off, 1st leg
Belgium 1 (Vercauteren 19)

Holland 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 36,500.

Ref: D'Elia (It)

Belgium: Pfaff — Gerets, Grun (Czer-



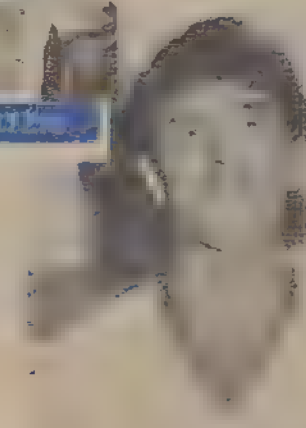
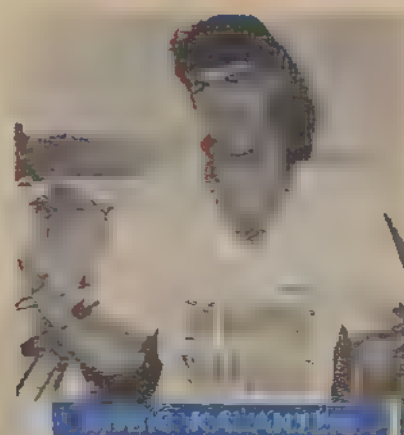
Belgium attack the Elre defence in Brussels.

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Belgium line-up prior to the match against Albania. Including such notables as Frankie Vercauteren, Jan Ceulemans, Enzo Scifo and Anderlecht keeper, Munaron.

niatynski 69), Franky Van der Elst, Renquin — Leo Van der Elst, Ceulemans, Vandereycken, Vercauteren — Vandenbergh, Claesen.

Holland: Van Breukelen — Wijnstekers, Spelbos, Van de Korp, Van Tiggelen — Gullit (Ophof 85), Rijkaard, W. Van de Kerkhof — Van Basten, Kieft, De Wit (Tahamata 88).

Holland ended the game favourites to earn a finals ticket when the teams meet again in Rotterdam on November 20. But just four minutes into the game their cause had looked hopeless. After a clash between Eric Gerets and Ruud Gullit, Holland's Wim Kieft tried to prevent Frankie

Vercauteren taking a quick free kick with a blow in the throat. Italian referee Pietro D'Elia immediately sent him off. But Belgium failed to cash in on their numerical advantage. Jan Ceulemans and Leo Van der Elst (Belgium fielded two Van der Elsts, neither of them the more famous Francois!) inspired some threatening early attacks. But all they had to show for it at the final whistle was a well-struck 19th-minute goal from Vercauteren — Belgium's midfield general in the absence of the injured Enzo Scifo. Otherwise former Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Hans Van Breukelen had fewer and fewer problems as the game went on. Mid-

fielder Gullit was the pick of the Dutch.

With Holland having the home advantage in the vital second leg Belgium's chances looked limited.

Yet they battled admirably in Holland and managed to grab a vital away goal through Grun and even though they went down 2-1, the aggregate score being 2-2 saw Belgium qualify on the away goals rule.

This side is very experienced, beginning with their world-class keeper Jean-Marie Pfaff.

But even he could not have thought that his nation would qualify after being unable to punish a Dutch side with only 10 men in the first leg.

Mexico seemed only a dream for the international "Red Devils."

The prospect of playing the return in Rotterdam with only a single goal advantage had ruined nearly all their illusions.

Imagine the Belgian delight when Georges Grun the Anderlecht defender knocked the ball past Hans Van Breukelen the Dutch keeper. A present from heaven.

There remained only five minutes of this "local derby," five minutes that would have seemed an eternity to Belgian manager Guy Thys. Thys kept his head as did his charges for those final minutes and 18 months of near disasters ended with the Belgian flame returning after much troubles.

The errors were pardoned as were the scandals and now Mexico awaits.

Belgium have changed a little since the 1982 Finals where they went out with a whimper in the second round to Poland and Russia.

Gone are Meeuws, Millecamps, Van Moer, Verheyen, Custers, Van Moer, Van Der Smissen and possibly the biggest loss of all Ludo Coeck who lost his life when his car crashed in Antwerp.

Thirty-year-old Coeck, had won 46 caps for Belgium but had not played for a year because of knee and ankle injuries.

He made his name with Anderlecht, winning the Cup Winners Cup in 1976 and 1978 and the UEFA Cup in 1983. He then moved to Italy

to join Internazionale but was loaned out after suffering repeated injury trouble. Coeck was, ironically, on his way to hospital for further treatment when his car struck a lorry on a wet road and crashed into railings.

Just three months after the death of Belgian international Ludo Coeck, the national game has been rocked by another tragic car-crash fatality.

Jean-Claude Bouvy, 26-year-old midfield star of AA Gent, died last month in an auto accident. He was enjoying his best season and was the force that pushed his team into third place in the Belgian League.

So the Belgian national game has really been through traumatic times of late, make no mistake they have the character and fortitude to overcome these hurdles and make a big impression in Mexico.

HOW THEY PLAY

A squad with immense experience capable of turning a game around in the dying moments, case in point v Holland 2nd Leg play-off.

They play with the old counter-attacking style, breaking with two front-runners and their defence plays the offside trap with aplomb.

One problem may be their selecting of too many veterans. In Spain '82 they were one of the more fancied sides but failed to produce the expected results apart from a 1-0 win over Argentina.

My View

POSSIBLE SQUAD:

Pfaff, Munaron, Gerets, Broos, Grun, F. Van der Elst, De Wolf, Renquin, Scifo, Vandereycken, L. Van der Elst, Clijsters, Vercauteren, Ceulemans, Vandenbergh, Claesen, Veyt, Czerniatynski, Voordecers, Desmet.



BELGIUM v Argentina 0-2.

Will qualify with little trouble from Group B with Mexico but considering all the troubles they've had, it would be a surprise to see them go much further than the second round, although if their brilliant captain Frankie Vercauteren (capable of scoring amazing goals), Jan Ceulemans and Erwin Vanbenbergh hit form they could do anything.



BELGIUM's champion midfielder, FRANCOIS VAN DER ELST, may be missing in Mexico.

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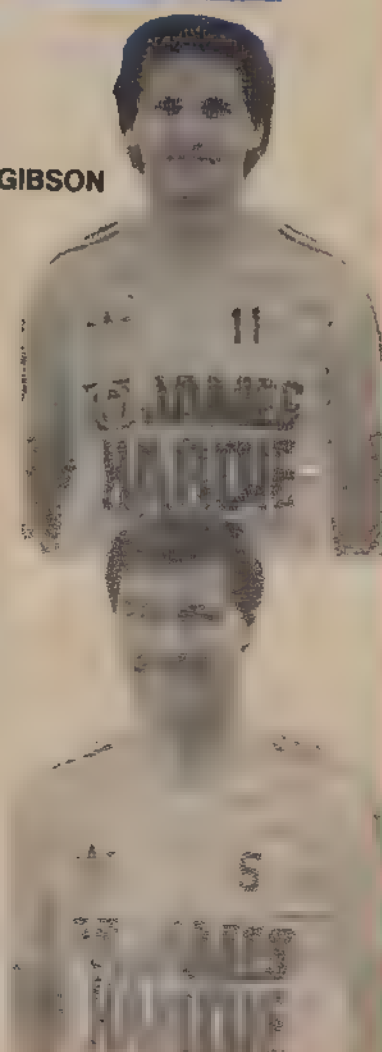
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AGREE TO DISAGREE

WHILE Adelaide's two NSL teams have agreed to the conditions set out for inclusion in the 14-team "super" league next season, there are unofficial rumblings.

There now appears to be a strong lobby among the original members of the NSL, which includes SA's City and Hellas, that teams like Melbourne Juventus and Sydney Croatia can hardly be judged on "previous performances" as they are Johnny-cum-lately members of the competition.

Monaro and Canterbury also come into the same category and while everyone admires Sydney City's team and financial set-up, they do object to carrying it crowd-wise.

With time to study the rules for qualifying, many clubs are now realising that they are out before they get a chance of being in.

Indeed, for some it will be a case of winning the title or being doomed to the State Leagues again.

While it is early days yet, one can see all sorts of problems for clubs like Footscray, Brisbane's City and Lions, and Green Gully in the Southern Division.

Canterbury, Newcastle, St George and Monaro are in the running for the "drop" in the Northern Division.

As usual Adelaide City and Adelaide Hellas have got off to good starts, but that is no guarantee they will make the top seven in the Southern competition.

However, while some clubs have shown their hands with star signings from the start of the season, the SA pair has still to reveal some more surprises.

Hellas boss Neil

McGachey is waiting for a Scottish striker to complete the UK season — and he has again denied Melbourne reports that the player is Stuart Irvine.

"I spoke to him while I was in Scotland, but he won't be playing for us," said McGachey.

"Until our man is cleared by the Immigration Department I won't name him."

McGachey signed Soceroos Charlie Yankos and Robbie Dunn plus Scottish import Brian McLaughlin, but has at least one more player, apart from the "mystery" forward, available if required.

City boss Zoran Matic has two Argentinians training on trial, plus Eng-

lish striker Teddy Maybank, here on a working holiday.

The big blond is 29, and retired after a knee operation saw his career end with Dutch club PSV Eindhoven.

He was originally with Chelsea as an apprentice then moved to Fulham and Brighton, then back to Fulham.

However, after joining in a trial game for City, he wants to give his knee "another go" and City have invited him to get back into full training.

Matic is also still looking for a full-back, and admits that his squad has been hit by injuries to midfielders Brian Northcote (achilles tendon) and Adrian Santrac (knee).

Northcote could be out for six weeks, but Santrac still has a 50-50 chance of making a quick recovery.

"We admit we have a thin squad of experienced players, but if we can keep clear of too many injuries and get a good start we can take our time looking for some more players," said Matic.

Both clubs may need them by the time the end of season crunch comes, and it is clear no club will be willing to step out of the national scene without a fight — on and off the field.

Our prediction is solicitors will be working overtime.

—BY JEFF GALE—



MITCH MAKES IT BIG!

BY JEFF GALE

SOCCEEROO striker David Mitchell has "made it" with Eintracht Frankfurt in West Germany.

And to prove it here is the big man's personal postcard produced only for the club's regular stars.

Writing from Germany, "Mitch" said he had still to reach match fitness after his groin operation, but had managed to make it on to the bench and play in practice matches.

"I'm now concentrating on getting to peak fitness for next season, so that hopefully in August I will be in there fighting for a place in the first team," he said.

There are no reserve teams in the German set-up, which makes it hard to gain competitive match practice.

However, the club is delighted with his progress but the medics don't want to risk him until he is fully fit.

Eintracht has cancelled its tour of the Bahamas at the end of the season to concentrate on a series of preparatory friendly matches for the new season.

This should clinch a place for the Socceroo in next season's first team squad.

Apart from getting fit the front runner is also taking German lessons, but admits he is finding it hard — although there isn't much difference between a German and Scottish accent to some people!

As promised when he signed, Mitchell is driving around town in a Mercedes, courtesy of the club, and lives in luxury.

While the language is a problem he says the coach and several of the players

speak English and he has no trouble in Soccer communication.

Now all he wants is a chance to communicate on the field.



DAVID MITCHELL

JUVE-PIONEER'S CASCADE CUP

BY PAUL MORLEY

JUVENTUS-PIONEER won the Inaugural Cascade Summer Cup competition in southern Tasmania by beating White Eagles 2-1 at South Hobart.

Juventus reached the final with a 3-1 win over Croatia-Glenorchy after extra-time and penalties while Eagles got there with an emphatic 7-1 triumph over Caledonians.

Eagles was no match for the reigning Cadbury League and State champion in the final and went behind after only 43 seconds.

Sergio Pace's quickly taken free kick found Romeo Fabrizio, brother of Brisbane City's Luciano, and he shot home unchallenged from just inside the penalty area.

Nick Di Martino should have scored only minutes later but he somehow scooped John Broadhouse's cross over the bar from very close range.

Juventus scored again five minutes before the interval. Eagles goalkeeper Peter Groenewoud could only parry Frank Genovesi's fierce shot and the ball rebounded to Sergio Pace who prodded it home from inside the six-yard area.

Eagles looked totally disorganised and demoralised and not even Bobby Rybak, who came on as a substitute at half-time, could turn the tide.

Juventus launched attack after attack in the second period and only some brave and outstanding goalkeeping by Groenewoud prevented a further score.

Eagles finally grabbed a consolation goal in the dying moments of the match. Dominic Longo unfairly restrained Rybak and Andrew Leszczynski

scored easily from the penalty spot.

In the Rothmans League section of the competition, University beat Taroon 3-2 after extra-time.

The students scored first through captain and Rhodes Scholar, Robbie Mallick, in the 15th minute only to see Neil Bishop lob home an equaliser on the half-hour.

Don Morrison put Taroon in front from the penalty spot in the 70th minute and Taroon looked to have the game won but substitute Craig Siddall popped up in the last minute for University to take the game into extra-time.

University coach Chris Hargrave, who had also come on as a substitute in

the 75th minute, notched the winner mid-way through the first period of extra-time.

David Shepherd cut his way through the Taroon defence with the precision of a surgeon before pulling the ball back for Hargrave to sweep home.

Details: Doug Slater Memorial Trophy — University Grads 2 (Clift 2) b Referees 1 (Bonken); Cascade Summer Cup Final (Cadbury League section) — Juventus-Pioneer 2 (Fabrizio, Pace) b White Eagles 1 (A. Leszczynski, pen.); Cascade Summer Cup Final (Rothmans League section) — University 3 (Mallick, Siddall, Hargrave) b Taroon 2 (Bishop, Morrison, pen.).



Taroon's Neil Bishop



Eagles' Mark Leszczynski

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

COACH Mike Johnson says Fairy Meadow goalkeeper John Krajnovic faces a make or break season in 1986.

Johnson said this after watching Krajnovic in action in Sutherland's 2-0 win over Fairy Meadow in the opening State league round.

"He showed today he can be a quality goalkeeper on his day but he must now do this consistently," Johnson said.

"With Fairy Meadow having lost so many players this year it is vital we have a goalkeeper who can do well under pressure as we rebuild the first grade team."

Krajnovic was the first-choice goalkeeper when Fairy Meadow won promotion to State League in 1984 but had to play a secondary role to Warwick Young last season.

Young has now moved on to Wollongong City.

Wollongong Macedonia coach John Bingham has discovered the State League will be a tougher assignment than many of his players thought.

After losing 2-0 at

home to Manly, Bingham said his team will have to quickly adjust to the faster pace in their new surroundings.

"It is a lot quicker than second division and Manly aren't really rated one of the better teams," Bingham said.

"We will learn a lot in the first few rounds and I am confident the boys will adjust quickly."

It was a pity Manly "spoiled" things for Macedonia on their entry to the State competition.

The club staged a big promotion day at Berkeley with a parachute diver, dancers, bands and other attractions.

A crowd of just under 2000 turned up for the match.

Cringila coach Darryl Glover must be having second thoughts about going back to the bench.

Glover made a comeback in goal for the club last season when he didn't have an experienced 'keep-

er but wanted to hand the job over to someone else this year.

The trouble is there was no-one to take over so Glover continued in the pre-season trials and knockouts.

"I'm playing badly, giving silly goals away and want to find someone to do the job before the premiership starts," Glover said last month.

In the first two premiership rounds, Cringila beat the powerful Aris side 3-1 before accounting for Tarravanna by the same score.

In both games Glover performed well but he is still on the lookout for an experienced player "just in case."

Former World Cup star Atti Abonyi turned up in Picton to score two goals and show some of the old magic recently.

Abonyi is helping out his old mate and former striking partner Adrian Alston by playing in the Illawarra first division with Corrimall Rangers.

After beating Oak Flats 1-0 in the opening round, Corrimall outclassed Picton 6-0, Abonyi getting two of the goals.

Alston is also playing with the Corrimall side, having taken on the job of

co-coach with Terry Hurley at the start of the year.

Corrimall are involved in what should be a very interesting battle to gain promotion to premier league this season.

Shellharbour's Greg Crowl grabbed the first hat-trick of the season in premier league.

He scored three times in the second half of Shellharbour's 4-0 win against Coniston after Tony Dowd had netted before the break.

The defeat left Coniston anchored on the bottom of the table having failed to find the net in their first two games.

Coniston may have to seek reinforcements in a hurry or risk going straight back to the first division.

He's just 16 but Jason Higgs has already made an impact on the premier league with newly promoted Unanderra this year.

A member of the highly successful Illawarra under 15 team last season, Higgs has been impressive in the opening games against Shellharbour and Fernhill.

"We lost both games but the side showed a lot of determination and Jason has shown he has a ton of skills," coach Alec Fleming said.

WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

BY JOHNNY WARREN

AS announced by the Prime Minister, Bob Hawke in Canberra last week Australia will host the third World Indoor Soccer Championship in 1988.

The World Championships will be played in October and November as part of the Bi Centennial Celebrations and the world ranking event has the full backing of the Federal Government as well as the personal blessing of the Prime Minister and the Minister for Sport, Tourism and Recreation,

John Brown.

In fact, it was the substantial support from the Prime Minister and Minister for Sport which saw Australia win the right to stage the world titles.

As reported in the "Popular da Tarde", the leading newspaper in Sao Paulo the choice of Australia was announced by

Mr Jannario D'ellessio the FIFUSA (World Indoor Soccer Federation) president after a meeting with the Australian representatives — Mr Dene Moore representing the Australian Government and Australian Indoor Soccer representatives Joe Brent (president) and Dennis Murray (executive director).

D'ellessio will be travelling to Australia in July of this year to check out the facilities and finalise arrangements for the tournament which will be staged in five cities — Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra.

During his visit the world president will be the special guest of the Prime Minister in Canberra.

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Some of the participants in 1985 Australian Championships.



PREVIOUS WORLD CUPS

NOT surprisingly Brazil has won the previous world "futsal", short for saloon football, or indoor Soccer championships.

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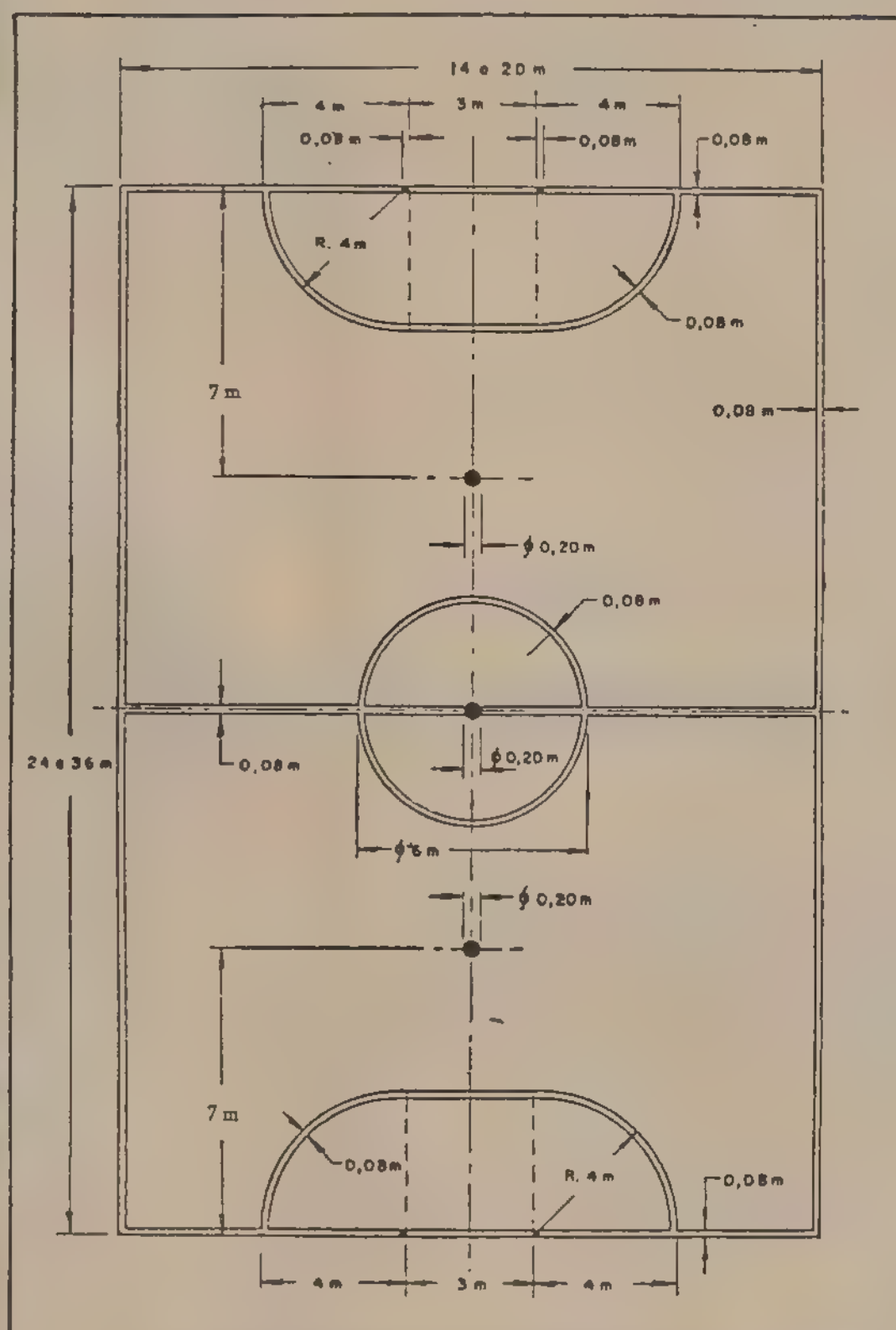
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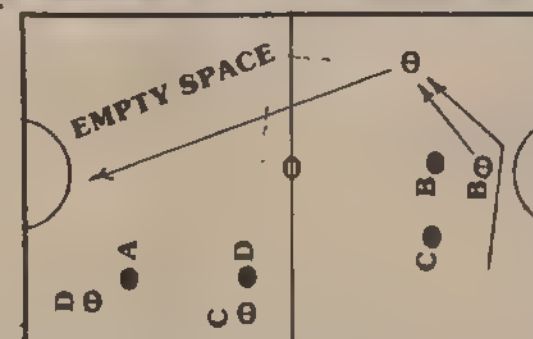
EXAMPLE



Description: B has the ball until C starts crossing the court and also calling for the ball drawing D with him. At the same time A overlaps B, D goes wide, taking with him A. Now we have got an empty space for A, ready for a run and a finishing shot.

OF DRILL:

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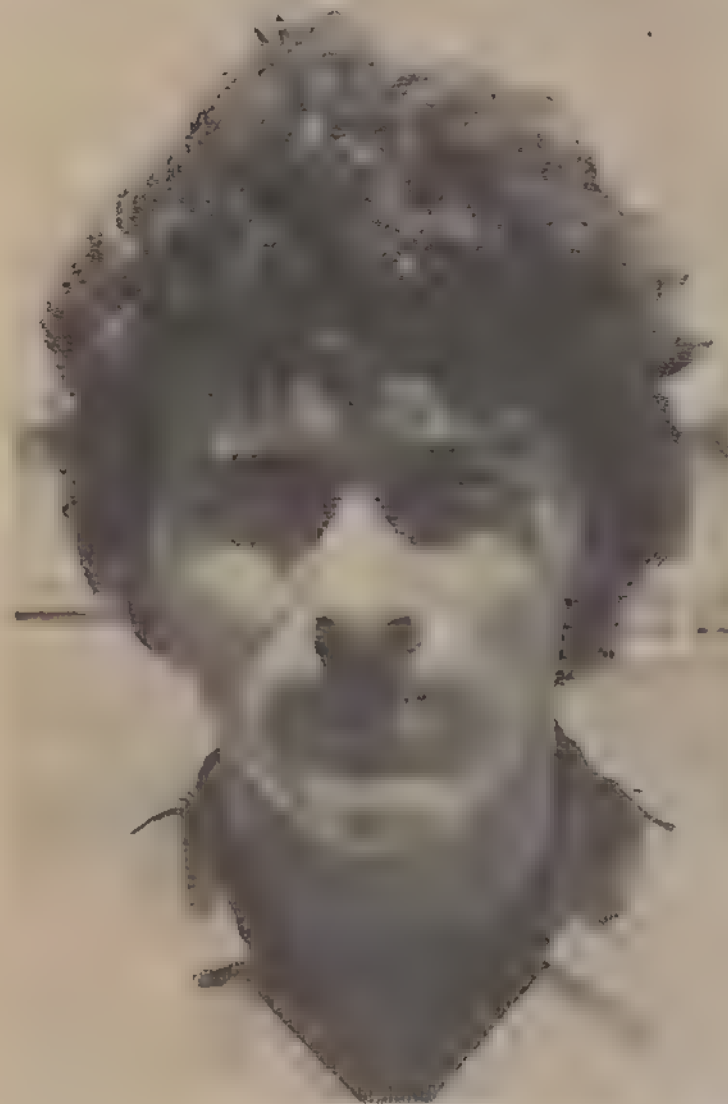


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PETER WILLIS BLACKTOWN

Position: Right-back.
Date of birth: 2-10-57.
Place of birth: Doncaster, England.
Age came to Australia: 21.
Married: Yes, to Julie Anne.
Children: No.
Occupation: Group supervisor
Fielders Bakery.
Nickname: Willie.
Age first played Soccer: 7.
Previous clubs: Leeds Utd,
Preston North End (England),
Newcastle KB Utd, Rapid West
Point, Wollongong City.
Club honours: Intermediate
League cup final with Leeds Utd,
League and Ampol Cup winners
with Rapid West Point.
Representative honours:
Yorkshire County Schoolboys,
England Schoolboys.
Most memorable match: Playing
against PSV Eindhoven (Holland)
with Leeds Utd (won 3-2) 1977.
Biggest thrill: Signing professional
with Leeds Utd.
Biggest disappointment: Losing
my front teeth.
Biggest influence on career: Syd
Owen and Don Revie.
**Favourite current Australian
players:** All Blacktown City
players.
Ambition: To be happy and
healthy in life.



HERMISTON BEGINS HIS 'SKILL CLINICS'

BRISBANE CITY coach Jim Hermiston has started special "skill clinics" in a bid to bring on some of the youngsters in his squad.

Hermiston has been alarmed in the early NSL rounds over the time some of his younger players are taking to control the ball or their lack of sharpness in thinking.

"It's just experience and it comes with time. But I intend working a squad every Wednesday night to see if we can improve things. The whole session will be devoted to just skill.

"If it gives these players confidence then I am sure their on-field efforts will improve dramatically," he said.

Players already earmarked for the "skill clinics" — which are in addition to the normal three nights training at Spencer Park — include Glenn Archer, Luciano Fabrizio, James Hermiston, Frank Mengotti, Dean Milosevic and Steve Hogg.

The skill clinics are part of Hermiston's long range plan to rebuild the playing staff at Spencer Park.

In recent years the depth at City has disappeared as the club concentrated on building its multi-million dollar Soccer stadium. But now the

emphasis is on the players.

Hermiston in the past has attempted to implement a youth policy, similar to that he saw grow at

plans have been short-circuited when poor performances at NSL level resulted in his sacking.

Maybe this time the



LUCIANO FABRIZIO

Lions and which produced stars like Alan Hunter, Danny Wright and Russell Stewart.

But twice in the past his

City directors and supporters will not take such a short sighted view and look at the overall situation before reacting.

PALACIOS GOAL SINKS MONARO

CANBERRA CITY'S new South American player, Augusto Palacios from Peru, was his team's match-winner in the replay of the Nanda Cup first round tie against Inter Monaro.

Canberra won 2-1 with the winning goal a spectacular effort from Palacios.

The Peruvian collected a pass 40 metres out and headed for goal, finishing with a great shot which beat Monaro goalkeeper Nick Antanopoulos.

There were no goals in a first half which was largely controlled by Canberra.

Ten minutes after half-

time, Ian Gibson gave Canberra a 1-0 lead but a quarter of an hour later, a Ricki Budini free-kick went through the whole home defence which was lined up on the goal line.

The free kick was conceded by goalkeeper Tony Franken.

All was well, for Canberra, however, when Augusto Palacios supplied the winning goal.

Focus on

SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO INTER MONARO

Full name: Sebastian Giampaolo
Birth date: 5/4/59
Nickname: Baz
Birth place: Canberra
Occupation: Public Servant
Nationality: Australian
Marital status: Married
Eye colour: Blue
Weight: 77kg
Height: 180cm
Hair colour: Fair
Club and position: Inter Monaro, forward
Previous clubs: Leichhardt, Canberra City
Rep. Honours: NSW 1978, 79, 80
Australia 1978, 81
Senior debut: 1976
Greatest moment: Winning finals with Monaro 1979, Phillips Cup Leichhardt 1982
Biggest disappointment: Injuries of any sort
Make of car: Holden Monaro
GTS, Kawasaki GPZ1100
Favourite dish: Oysters, prawns seafood
Favourite drink: Drambuie, beer, Souther Comfort
Favourite movie: Deer Hunter
Last book read: Modern Motor
Favourite music: Anything
Special interest/hobbies: Anything
Worst injury: Groin, pelvis
Ambitions: To be 16 again
NSL appearances: 100
Australian appearances: 2
Favourite NSL player: Mark Pullen



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THE JUNIOR GAME

with TONY RACITI



NSW JUNIOR STATE SIDES GO ON SAME PATH

THE selections of NSW junior State sides will once again be conducted in the poor manner of previous years.

State coaches are again conducting useless trials to select their squads.

ASW recently suggested that State coaches should be neutral and not be affiliated with any club.

If this had been the case it would not be necessary to conduct trials to select State sides.

State coaches are asking the various club secretaries to send players they have previously seen in competition matches to attend trials on Sundays.

Add this to two training nights with their clubs, in most cases one training night with their school side, a midweek school

match and finally their club games on Saturdays.

That gives a talented junior Soccer player a six day involvement with the sport of his choosing.

Totally unnecessary and without a doubt the major reason why in this country thousands of potentially brilliant youngsters give the game away.

To make matters worse, leading State officials, whose main priority is to ensure these youngsters are guided correctly, place what is a fanatical obsession on NSW squads.

The Youth League competition kicked off just three weeks ago and already we have a situation where State squads

are being formed.

I am all for being organised and planning in advance, but at present the situation is ridiculous.

Trials would not be needed if ASW's advice was heeded and that was not to appoint coaches who are in charge of club sides.

If that were the case there would be no need for trials, as State coaches would have all season to watch matches, and from there determine their squad.

What is the purpose of the trials?

State coaches and selectors surely have the knowledge and ability to make

a decision on which players should be selected after having watched likely candidates in competition matches.

NSW State secretary Frank Wilson said this week that trials had to be conducted to appease the clubs.

"We held the trials to give any club the opportunity to send players who, in their opinion, may have been overlooked by the State coach or selectors," Wilson said.

"Also it is no good selecting the best 16 individual players in the State as they do not necessarily make the right team com-

bination."

Frank added that State sides had to be organised early so as to give every player the opportunity to gain selection.

"Unfortunately we are confined to doing things in the school holidays.

"The national titles are held in August and prior to that we can only place the boys in camp during the May school vacation.

"That is why we commence to select players and have trials so early in the season.

"I must add that no matter what we do, the clubs and certain parents are never happy."



SAYS TONY RACITI

DEDICATION PLUS

THE China-born NSW State coach Vic Renkovetski is the perfect example of a dedicated junior Soccer coach.

The 58-years-old Vic came to Australia in 1949 and started to play Soccer with the Woonona club during the 1950s. He played 1st Division as a striker and centre-half.

In 1962 he joined the Clyde Soccer club and was captain-coach of the senior team for three years.

He also coached the Toongabbie, now known as Blacktown City, U/7 team, in 1968-69. In 1970 he joined forces with Baulkham Hills Soccer club as a coach. After 10 years he changed his level and became the NSW State U/16 coach and won

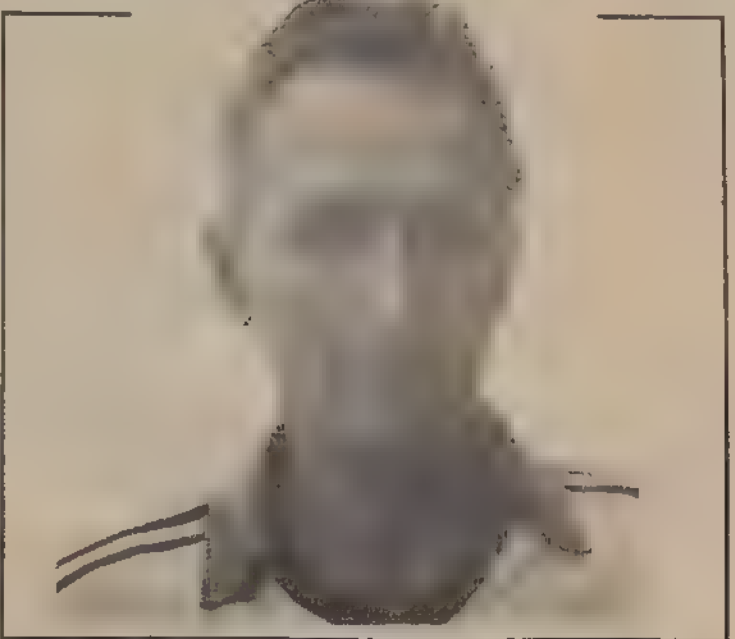
the title in 1982.

The following year he coached the U/18 and in 1984 the U/19 State teams.

"Now that I am coach I can see how much better I could have been as a player if we had formal coaching at the time" Vic said.

The boys, officials and fellow State coaches have a great respect for him. The boys "just love uncle Vic" as one junior told me at Parklea.

Despite his affection for the boys, Vic demands discipline and attention at all times.



HEDISON HITS OUT

"I WOULD like to see dirty politics, troublemakers, backstabbers and parasites eradicated from the rank and file of amateurs so we can play Soccer in peace."

This is what the most controversial and colourful figure in the Sydney Soccer scene, 38-years-old Sydney businessman John Hedison, told ASW at Valentine Park, Parklea, during the Easter weekend.

BY FRANK FINLAY

He is respected as one of the best and most professional PR and marketing experts in Sydney. His knowledge is vast and his connections are unlimited.

Throughout the 27 years when he started with the Soccer scene, his ability has been tested many times and he has always come out on top.

His complete dedication and commitment to promote junior Soccer from club level to State level is widely respected.

He was appointed recently as manager of the NSW State U/15 representative team.

As senior vice president of the Sydney Branch and delegate to the NSWASF he still has time to help juniors in every possible way.

For two years he was the marketing director of the NSWASF. He lost the position last year. According to him his removal from this post was the result of "underhanded politics."

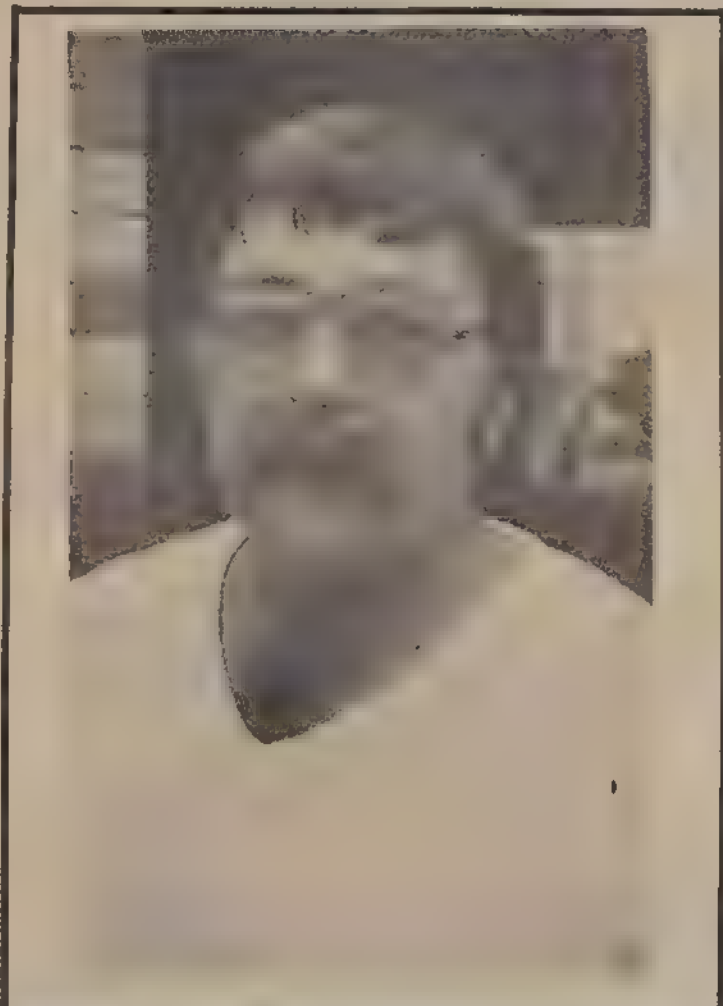
Hedison is Junior vice-president of the Board of Directors of St George Budapest Soccer Club. He is also president of the juniors. He has been on the Board for 16 years. He has been holding all types of positions with the juniors for 24 years.

His opinion is that in every phase of life,

whether it is business or sport, a successful man makes lots of enemies.

"I have many but they

leave me cold. As long as my boys are happy that's what I care about" John said with a broad smile.



FLORENCE STEPHENSON

FLO TAKES UP POSI

WHEN Florence Stephenson's son Craig was playing for Bellambi Junior Soccer Club under 7's, the Annual General Meeting was held, and Florence made a chance remark to her husband Ted.

As he went to the meeting, she said: "If I can help out, I will". It saw her on the path to becoming the President of the NSWASF (Sydney Branch). Mrs Stephenson found out she had been elected Secretary, a position she filled for 13 years, with great success.

During the latter three years of her secretaryship she was also Secretary for the senior Bellambi Club, who were playing in the senior association.

Combined with this she served two years as the player representative on the Illawarra District Association.

As is usual, a hard worker gets more. Florence is a member of the Illawarra Junior Association, and during her period there has served two years as Senior Vice President, and has been President for four years.

For 2 1/2 years she was Youth League Convenor, looking after the district representative teams. Not content with all this, the Coaches Association, within the area, required assistance so she gave her time as Treasurer/Minute Secretary.

During all this, Mrs Stephenson combined being a housewife, with a job as clerk in a sports store until she gave up the job five years ago.

In 1985 the Illawarra District Under 13 team played in the Pacific Challenge Cup in Fiji, and Mrs Stephenson accompanied the team. (A relaxation?)

Son Craig played representative Soccer for three years, and this took up more time.

As President of Sydney Branch, Florence is automatically on the State M.C. as a junior vice president, and travels to Sydney every 6 or 7 weeks on a Saturday, for an all day meeting.

Outside of Soccer (when), she loves to go to the theatre, do some knitting, and get out into the garden, but all these have had to take a back seat.

A great believer in youth, she sees them responding to being treated as individuals, and this must be encouraged.

One of her ambitions is to see Soccer an all Australian sport, with nationalistic tendencies being put to one side.

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UNDER 14 TEAM TO TOUR USA

SELECTION trials for the Australian Junior Indoor Soccer teams for 1986 were held in Sydney over the Easter weekend.

The under 14 squad, coached by John Hibberd from the ACT, was chosen from an initial squad of 30 players who performed well at the

National Championships in January.

Seven lads from New South Wales, four Victorians, six from the ACT, five from South

Australia and one Queenslanders attended the selection trials, with 15 getting the final nod.

The selected players will go on a tour of the West Coast of the United States in November. In the meantime, they will have training camps in Can-

berra and Sydney before departure.

Team manager, Alois Jamsek, is actively seeking sponsorship for the squad, members of which will be great ambassadors for Australia in the USA. He can be contacted on 02-604-1709.



Australian under 14 squad at selection trials in Sydney

BACK ROW, Left to Right: Paul Boaro (NSW), Joe Molina (ACT), Pat Consentini (ACT), Michael Spasevski (Vic), Anthony Hulse (SA), Peter Sorocuk (Vic), Shane Blackman (SA), Hiep Nguyen (SA), Andrew Juhart (NSW), Nic Hibberd (ACT), Heath Robertson (SA), Simon Matheson (SA). FRONT ROW: Andrew Wallace (ACT), Phillip Rice (ACT), Andrew Sall (NSW), John Boursianis (NSW), Con Alexandriakis (ACT), Gary Comerford (NSW), Ross Hay (Vic), Jason McAuliffe (Vic), Craig Hamman (Q). MISSING: Caleb Finks (NSW), Damon Langan (NSW).

NEW SYSTEM FOR TROPHY

THE president's Trophy will take on a new importance in Queensland Soccer's premier division, the XXXX League, this season.

In the past the trophy has traditionally been awarded to the team leading the points ladder at the end of the first round. The silverware often has been handed over with little fuss or publicity.

But this season, a special match will decide the Cup.

The leading two teams at the end of the first round will clash in a special match for the trophy at Perry Park on Wednesday, July 2.

The match, which will be separate from the fixtures and will not count towards league totals, will be 10 days after the end of the first round.

Brisbane Lions are the current holders of the President's Trophy, winning it last year when they were runaway early leaders.

But they were slowly pegged back by eventual champions, Ipswich United, who in addition to winning the League title also picked up the Golden Circle trophy for the team gaining the most points in the second half of the season. That trophy will still remain.

Lions and Ipswich will again be among the favourites to featuring the new President's Trophy format, although Mount Gravatt, North Star and Olympic United also could be among the leading two clubs at the end of the first round.

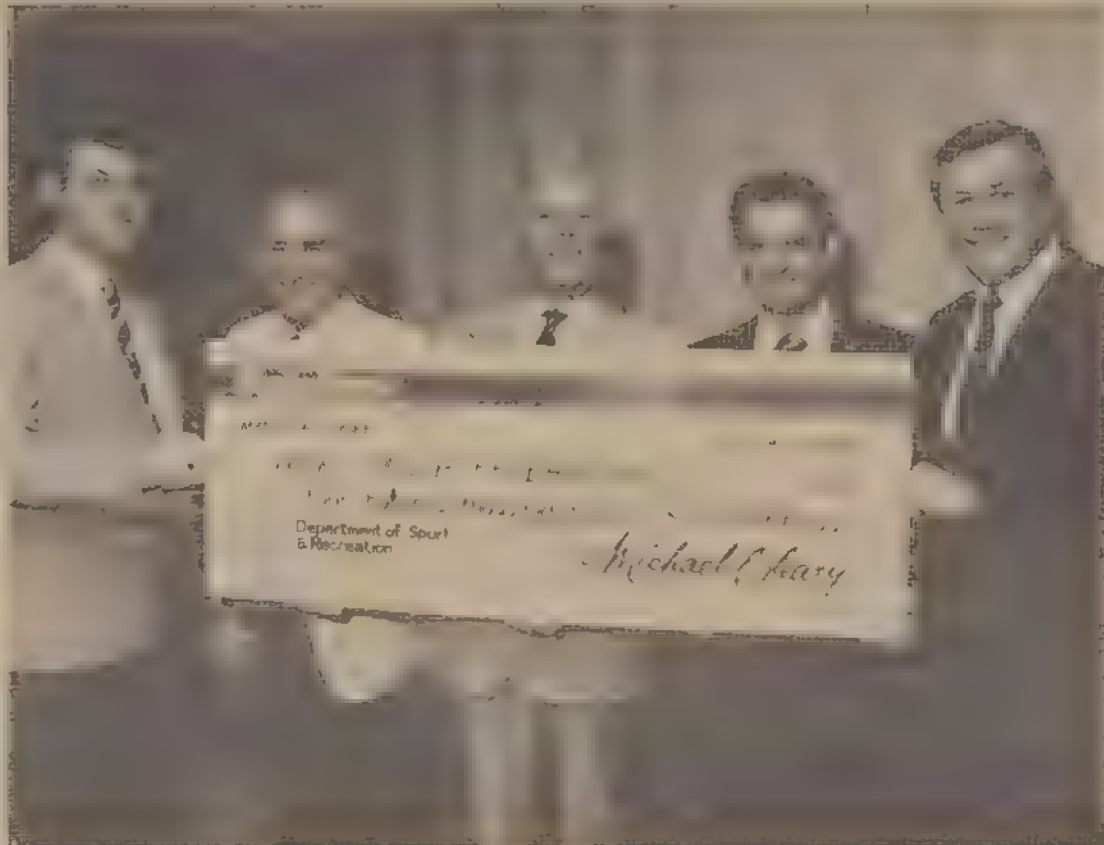
The XXXX League fixtures kicked off last weekend with the competition looking more even than it has for years. Mount Gravatt were the only XXXX League side to stand out in the XXXX

pre-season tournament although Ipswich United showed they cannot be written off despite the loss of experienced players Ron Millman and Ian Lawrie.

This weekend's fixtures

see Ipswich play their local derby against Coalstars at Bundamba.

Other game include Mount Gravatt hosting North Star, Taringa visiting Grange Thistle, Easts meeting Lions and Olympic clashing with Wynnum.



The NSW Soccer Federation treasurer, Charlie Valentine, was presented with a cheque for \$400,000 at Parliament House recently.

The NSW Minister for Sport Recreation and Tourism, Mr Michael Cleary presented the cheque which is the second instalment of the \$1 million towards the cost of the new motel-type accommodation building at Valentine Park, Parkville.

On July 27, the NSW Premier Mr Wran promised a \$1 million subsidy towards the cost of the new complex which he officially named after Mr Valentine.

Picture left to right: R. Avery, R. Christie, Charlie Valentine, the Minister for Environment J. Aquilana and Michael Cleary MP, Minister for Sport.

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JUNIOR CHAT

NSW's Under 15 State squad was selected last week four months earlier than usual due to the fact that an Australian side has to be chosen for the elimination rounds of the Kodak World Cup later this year.

The national titles will be held in Canberra during the May school holidays.

The squad is coached by Max Groll, with veteran junior administrator John Hedison as manager and John MacArthur is the trainer.

Squad members are solely from the ranks of the first division clubs playing in the NSW Youth League.

The squad consists of: Tony Marco (Apia), Kerry Aglasotis (Sydney Olympic), Mathew Big Bingley (Melita Eagles), John Consentino (Apia), Greg Dickinson (Melita Eagles), Steve Dimondis (St George), Ron Heeps (Melita Eagles), Stephane Jee (Sydney Olympic), Scott Kell (St George), Samew Mounarath (Sydney Olympic), Paul Rago (Melita Eagles), David Roberts (Apia), Louis Trilantasyllou (Sydney Olympic), Michael Tsingolis (Sydney Olympic), Mitch Ioannoy (St George).

APIA's NSL management are to be applauded for allowing their Youth League the use of the renovated Lambert Park as the junior's club's home venue.

Lambert Park is without a doubt the most prestigious home venue now being used by any of the first division Youth League clubs.

SYDNEY CITY are receiving widespread criticism from all sections of the junior code in the club's decision to send away their Under 14 side on the overseas tour during the competition.

Youth League administrators are threatening to disaffiliate the club if the planned tour goes ahead.

Officials have flatly refused Sydney City's request to have their fixtures deferred, and rightly so.

When a club nominates their teams for participation in a competition, they must fulfil their obligations.

No club has the right to disrupt the competition and whatever action that is taken by the Protests and Disputes committee of the Sydney Branch will be justified and supported by junior club

officials throughout the State.

THE main ingredient of a successful administration is consistency. No one can dispute decisions or rules if they are stringently adhered to.

The Sydney Branch's Protests and Disputes committee have again created confusion over a recent suspension handed down to an Under 16 State player.

The player in question was sent off for allegedly striking an opponent in the first round of the competition.

However the P. & D. seems to have two sets of rules. One for club players and another set of guidelines for representative players. It is common knowledge that every player sent off receives an automatic one match suspension, with his past record also taken into consideration.

Then the severity of the send-off is judged upon.

How can this State player who has a record of being sent off on a number of occasions receive a mere one-week suspension for striking an opponent?

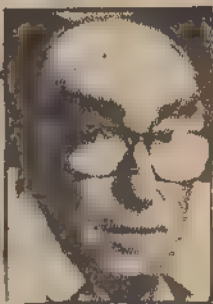
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BELOW is a cut-out from a local Penrith paper "Penrith Press" with an article from George Churchward, reproduced in ASW.

Disastrous ti was had by

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With
GEORGE CHURCHWARD



IT WAS a disastrous weekend all-round for soccer in the Penrith area. With the team it fielded, I fully expected Penrith City to record a home win against Avala, but they went down 3-1. In the first half Avala did most of the attacking - good pressure football - and created many chances. Penrith seemed to lack direction up front with nobody looking like scoring. In the second half Penrith attacked and played more positive football. However, its backline opened up continuously and but for young Blow in goal, who made two brilliant saves at the feet of attackers, Avala may have had more goals. x had a good game, well supported by Quarmby, and Hunter put in many delightful touches. A reasonable game with Avala the deserved winners. Avala's first goal came after a succession of corners and

Second grade went down 3-1, but the third grade salvaged some respectability by drawing two-all.

In a game that Mt Druitt will want to forget, it lost two-nil to Campbelltown Gunners. Mt Druitt had most of the game and two break-away goals - both against the run of play - gave the points to Campbelltown.

President of Mt Druitt, Charlie Lowles, was disappointed at the loss, but the standard set by Mt Druitt would see them well up in the league.

Fielding a weakened team against Granville, Rooty Hill Rovers managed a nil-

tion the scores were: under 13 0-2, u14 1-2, u15 1-10, u16 1-6.

David Wadsworth, in charge of representative teams, said: "The u13s and 14s were a vast improvement on last week, but the 15s and 16s played well below their best."

In the local competition Blue Mountains, which last week signed Michael Toohey from Penrith City, a player with plenty of NSL experience, went down at home to Lapstone by two goals to one.

Any team taking two points from Blue Mountains on the

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

WSL 1986 CALENDAR

20/3/86 — WSL general meeting & draw
23/3/86 — CNCS Gala Day (opening of WSL season)
South Pk. Chip. Norton
30/3/86 — Easter — No official games
6/4/86 — Round 1
13/4/86 — Round 2
20/4/86 — Round 3
27/4/86 — WSL versus State Team C. Valentine
Complex. Parklea
4/5/86 — Round 4
8/5/86 — WSL general meeting C. Valentine
Complex. Parklea
11/5/86 — Round 5
18/5/86 — 1st Round WSL Cup
25/5/86 — Round 6
1/6/86 — Round 7
8/6/86 — WSL versus State Team C. Valentine
Complex. Parklea
15/6/86 — Round 8
21/6/86 — 50's Nite at N. Ryde RSL
22/6/86 — Round 9
29/6/86 — Round 10
6/7/86 — Invitational Tournament (To be decided)
10/7/86 — WSL general meeting C. Valentine
Complex. Parklea
13/7/86 — Round 11
20/7/86 — Round 12
27/7/86 — Round 13
3/8/86 — Round 14
10/8/86 — Round 15
17/8/86 — WSL Cup: Semi-final C. Valentine
Complex. Parklea
24/8/86 — WSL Cup: Final C. Valentine Complex.
Parklea
31/8/86 — Invitational Tournament
4/9/86 — WSL general meeting C. Valentine
Complex. Parklea
7/9/86 — Invitational Tournament
14/9/86 — Invitational Tournament
18/9/86 — WSL Presentation Night N. Ryde RSL
19/9/86 — WSL AGM C. Valentine Complex.
Parklea

ROUND-UP OF WSL

BY UWE BRACKLOW

THE first round of the WSL was held on the 6/4/86 and apart from the minor surprises of the scores being very high between the teams at all games, results were pretty much as expected.

Based on reports from the games, teams are shaping up very well and there were no problems for any of the girls in playing 45 minutes each way.

This competition is shaping up to be the premier competition in the southern hemisphere as the quality of the football being displayed indicates.

If, as seems likely, the

number of top level clubs goes to 10 next year, there will be very few competitions to rival the WSL.

At this early stage of the season and based on some of the games played, the top two teams should be Putney Town and Forest United but all the other teams will be capable of upsetting any of them.

1st Grade:

Chipping Norton Colts 0 — Forest United 4
(M. Young, L. Wardwell, C. Vinson, L. Fever)
Forest United 8 — Manly-Warringah 0
(K. Lembryk (3), C. Heydon (2) R. Cheevers, C. Bradley, T. McCann)
Parramatta City 5 — Girraween United 1
(N. Komorowski (2), C. Fitzpatrick, (D. Spalavero)
S. Kalkhoven, J. Day)

Team	W	D	L	GF	GA	
Forest United	1	1	0	0	8:0	2
Parramatta City	1	1	0	0	5:1	2
Putney Town	1	1	0	0	4:0	2
Girraween United	1	0	0	1	1:5	0
Chipping Norton Colts	1	0	0	1	0:4	0
Manly-Warringah	1	0	0	1	0:8	0

Top Scorers:

K. Lembryk 3
C. Heydon 2
N. Komorowski 2

2nd Grade:

Chipping Norton Colts 0 — Putney Town 5
(M. Baker, R. Van Bruinesan, Capper, L. Thomas, L. Mahanagan)
Forest United 5 — Manly-Warringah 1
(L. Gerribol (2), L. Taylor, (C. Proctor), A. Haddon, C. James)
Parramatta City 4 — Girraween United 0
(T. Marcantell (3), J. Strachan)

Team	W	D	L	GF	GA	
Putney Town	1	1	0	0	5:0	2
Forest United	1	1	0	0	5:1	2
Parramatta City	1	1	0	0	4:0	2
Manly-Warringah	1	0	0	1	1:5	0
Girraween United	1	0	0	1	0:4	0
Chipping Norton Colts	1	0	0	1	0:5	0

NATIONAL CAPTAIN SPEAKS ON OCEANIA

By JOHN ECONOMOS

SUSAN MONTEATH, Australia's captain at the recent Oceania Cup tournament staged in Christchurch New Zealand, was satisfied with the performance, despite losing to Taiwan in the final.

"No way was the final scoreline of 4-1 indicative of Taiwan's superiority," Susan told us last night.

"With the first half ending scoreless, Australia was well in it.

"But, when Taiwan through a lack of concentration on our part, scored two very quick goals early in the second half, it staggered the team.

"Yet we managed to hold them and pulled back a goal later.

"But, as we constantly pushed up looking for the equaliser, we would obviously get caught at the back. Really, either team could have won the final.

"That's the type of game it was."

When I asked Susan for an evaluation of her team, she enthusiastically replied:

"It was the first time I skippered the side and they made me feel very proud of them. The team-spirit was incredible and harmonious. All of them were magnificent.

"The effort and attitude

by every one of the girls just couldn't have been better. They gave everything they had to make up for the lack of experience of the younger members coming into the side.

"For example left-back, Sue Buswell, who came through the ranks of playing in school, after a shaky start through inexperience, learnt so much. She will velop into a fine player. Sue has a good technique.

"Theresa Jones our goalkeeper, was excellent and kept us in the first match against New Zealand's A side.

"Joanne Millman was solid at stopper and had a fine tour."

Travelling with the squad was a group of enthusiastic supporters.

Among them were Theresa Jones' mother, National president Mrs Watson and her husband, Lisa Radar's father from Tasmania, Julie Murray's mother, Renaye Iserief's mother and two of Renaye's friends, Jerry and Mark.

Team-manageress, the ever-efficient Stephanie Quinn from Canberra, did a tremendous job for the squad in Christchurch.

"Stephanie organised sight-seeing tours for all of us. Saw that all our needs were met and her public relations over there made her very popular with officials and the press," Monteath reported.

Further comments from the national captain were:

"I'd like to see Australia form a "B" side as the Kiwis had. This would enable the national coach to draw from such a side to the senior team."

"Simultaneously it would add challenging-pressures for spots in the first team. I think this

would be a very good thing and would keep everybody on their toes.

"It would provide a worthwhile back-up squad for coach Fred Robins."



Susan Monteath seen here at the Australian Institute of Sport prior to leaving for the Oceania Cup.

DO WE NEED THE AWSA?

ASKS UWE BRACKLOW

HAVING come back into the women's scene after a long absence and my 12 months "re-experience," I put a totally personal view in the hope that people have a long hard think and come up with some solutions dogging women's Soccer.

I question greatly that there is a need for a national body to run women's Soccer in this country... for a number of reasons.

One being that we do not have enough players to have another totally separate body to run another factor of Soccer.

When I look at it all, I can see that the AWSA is handling the national team and the national titles.

But when you analyse the national titles, all the AWSA does is allocate these to a State which does

pretty well everything else. This could quite easily be done if the States organised this by consensus and I am sure the ASF would assist with any problems.

With some States now aligned with their men's bodies, this would be quite easily handled after good negotiation.

In regards to the national team, this could be handled through a sub-committee comprising members from each State again through an organisation already in existence — the ASF.

When one thinks hard, is women's Soccer ready

for a national team?

I have my doubts. We are spread too far and wide and just do not have the finance to employ a proper national coach who can see players performing in a game-by-game situation with their clubs — and not just in a short period of two weeks competing in a strange environment.

Having been embroiled in some of the controversies in the last few weeks, my only comment is that I am amazed at how intractable people can be.

I have doubts as to whether they really have

any idea of what it is like to be a player and I think some should think hard about whether they really are in it for the game of Soccer (ie. the players).

A startling facet of the matter has been how people have decided to "tell all" to the media, presenting sometimes distorted information — and this from people who are entrusted to run women's Soccer in this country.

I have always thought that mediation is much more advantageous than confrontation.

CANTERBURY AND DOM ARE OK!

CANTERBURY'S draw last week with Canberra City gave me great pleasure.

The reason is... Canterbury coach, Dom Kapetanovic.

Canterbury, for many years an Australian-based district club, has in recent times been run by a Greek committee.

Its supporters now are virtually exclusively Greek, as are most of the players.

It has been hard for this club to survive in the shadow of the massive presence of Sydney Olympic.

It was a surprise last year when guided by Raul Blanco, the club headed Melita and won the State League.

Suddenly, this relatively new and small club is in

the big time when possibly it is not quite ready for it.

This leaves Dom Kapetanovic with the hardest coaching job around this year.

After some heavy battles in the pre-season competition and a drubbing by Sydney Olympic in the first round of the National League, it was good to see some 1300 people attended Arlington Oval, in Sydney, for the game against Canberra.

I have great respect for Dom Kapetanovic.

I do not know him well.

Once in the early 80's he invited me to dinner at his house where I was able to listen to his great knowledge of the game of

Campbell v Rockdale 1-1, 1-0, 1-2, 2-0.

Bankstown Assoc v Polonia 1-0, 0-3, 4-0, 0-1.

Croatia v Auburn 5-2, 3-0, 6-0, 3-0.

THE BOSS

JOAO HAVELANGE is not in any hurry to step down as president of FIFA even though his term of office ends next month.

Indeed, the Brazilian millionaire will stand for re-election at the FIFA Congress in Mexico on May 29.

There are not many whispers of pretenders to the throne running against Havelange so it seems he will remain top man in world football.

THE COACHING CROSS-SECTION

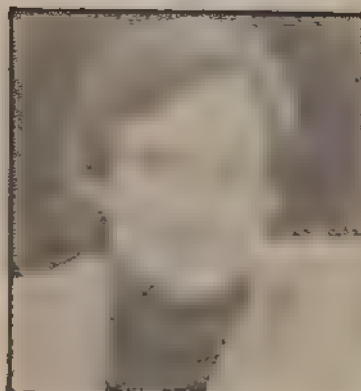
COACHING and coaches vary in outlook in their approach to the game and often this stems from their country of origin.

In Australia we have a cross section of different nationalities at National League level and it will be interesting to see if the style of teams varies according to the coach, or whether we are developing an Australian style:

A suprising contrast between the Northern and Southern Divisions is the bigger difference nationalities in the Northern Division whilst in the Southern Division, two-thirds are from the UK.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NATIONALITY	NORTHERN DIVISION	SOUTHERN DIVISION	TOTAL
Scottish	2 Eddie Thomson Roy Thompson	5 Bill Murray Neil McGachey Jim Hermiston John Gardiner George Murray	7
Yugoslav	4 Frank Arok Vedran Rozic Rale Rasic Doug Kapetanovic	2 Zoran Matic Dragoslav Secularac	6
English	2 Peter Irving John Fleming	3 Len McKendry Brian Garvey Gordon Arrowsmith	5
German	2 Les Scheinflug Manfred Schaefer		2
Dutch	1 Casey de Bruin		1
Greek		1 John Margaritis	1
Italian	1 Frank Maccarone		1
Israel		1 Miron Bleiberg	1



BY MIKE JOHNSON

"He is a great man... a great coach," he said.

The creative, stylish Soccer played by Croatia that year was a tribute to the coach and his players.

Then, surprisingly, Croatia dispensed with Kapetanovic's services and he eventually ended up last year in Melbourne with Melbourne Croatia.

Kapetanovic does not conform to the stereotyped image of a coach, particularly as portrayed in Australia — hard-headed and hard shouting.

He is a studious, gentle man.

He is not soft.

No man who has played professional Soccer for his country, as he has, can be soft.

Nor can one who drives his team through a season undefeated.

I cannot remember when any team achieved that in the higher leagues of our professional Soccer.

What produces results in a human being is not his splendid exterior, however well dressed, well spoken, well presented and impressive that might be.

It is what is inside the person that counts.

What he has got to give.

I hope the Canterbury officials and spectators will remember this as the season unfolds and Canterbury face up to the hammer they can expect from some of our more powerful teams.

I hope they will give this brilliant, intelligent, experienced and successful man the support his outstanding ability deserves.



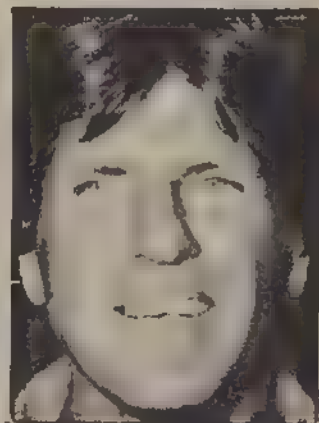
MARIJAN KOVACIC, "great man."

THE STATE LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

STATE COACH ALAN VEST sticks his neck out...

IT'S as vital a year for State League teams as it is for their National League counterparts.

BY ALAN VEST



With the proposed new 14 team National League due to start in 1987, it is going to mean that half the present State League teams will join the relegated NSL clubs to form a Super State League.

After watching teams in the Ampol Cup and trial games, the following is how I see the State League finishing.

But with clubs likely to acquire new players if

things start to go wrong, then again anything can happen.

1. Melita
2. Sutherland
3. Fairy Meadow
4. Rockdale
5. Kuringai
6. Warringah
7. Manly
8. Polonia
9. Wollongong Mac
10. Avala
11. Penrith
12. Auburn

ALLEN SWITCH IS NOW ON

CLIVE ALLEN, who seems to make a habit of switching clubs at million dollar-plus fees, is set to leave his present club Spurs.

At the start of last season Spurs paid \$1,200,000 for Allen but he has not been a success at White Hart Lane.

Now he's tipped to return to his first club, QPR. Allen is only one of several Spurs stars due to be released to cut the expensive wage bill.

UP, UP AND AWAY!

WEST GERMANY'S

World Cup team boss Franz Beckenbauer refused the offer of a super limousine to transport him to Cup matches in Mexico.

"Der Kaiser" has insisted on a helicopter!



TWO of Australia's leading coaches, **FRANK AROK** (far right) and **EDDIE THOMSON** (centre) are exultant after Australia defeat New Zealand in Sydney.

MANLY AND MELITA SHARE THE POINTS AT CROMER

MANLY displayed their new found strength and form when they held **Melita** to a 2-2 draw at Cromer Park.

Manly struck first when they opened the scoring in the 10th minute when Colin McCausland when he fouled Manly's flying midfielder Jim Campbell in the area.

Paul Marshall duly converted the spot-kick?

In the 20th minute Ray Farrugia made a fine run on the sideline, crossed for John Foxman who headed home at the far post.

In the 34th a free-kick by Derek Laing was headed goalward by Kenny Wilson and Lenny Vial shot on turn. Wayne Farnsworth leapt up to head it in and make the score 2-1.

Allan Dean then scooted away free on the right, made some room for himself near goal but then shot wide.

A minute before half-time Wayne Pierce fell awkwardly on his elbow and subsequently fractured it, he was operated on Sunday night.

In the 59th Don Allan of Manly was all by himself and from 10 metres hit the crossbar.

In the 64th minute Manly gained a corner, Macintosh went up and headed the ball into the top left hand corner.

In the 89th minute Foxman broke clear, he had only the oncoming Bob Cattlin to beat. Foxman elected to try and chip the keeper who saved from outside his area illegally.

The resulting free-kick was taken by Lenny Vial who pushed the ball to Ray Farrugia who drove just over the bar.

TOTAL domination by Uruguay Auburn was the story of the game played at Mona Park as the home side whipped a sad and sorry Penrith City 4-0.

Such was the dominance of the Auburn side that Penrith managed only to win two corners in the whole match and that was the limitation of their attack.

In the first half alone Auburn had some six chances. Two shots hit the post both from John Van Heldon who in fact scored the only goal of the first half in the 37th minute.

In the 47th minute

Ayek Genc scored the second with a powerful drive. Van Heldon made it 3-0 in the 52nd minute and then Genc scored in the 67th minute.

Auburn played some delightful football and even though the Panthers were slaughtered they played their part in a very competitive match.

It was a display of unique football, with Auburn's new signing Fernando Mosquera leading

the way with former Sydney Croatia midfielder Brett Woods.

Drago Tomasic played his part as did Van Heldon. As for recently deposed coach Raul Carrizo according to the reports played a wonderful game.

Coach of Auburn Ljubo Gojkovic said, "The thing is I didn't even play with any forwards, five attacking midfielders is what I played

with. "I'm still unhappy with the lack of fitness of the players. It was a disappointing end to the match where both teams were very becoming very untidy."

AVALA GET A NEW GROUND

BY FRANK COLETTA

THE Avala Soccer club has been given an immense boost with the news that they will soon have a real stadium of their own.

Avala supporters, officials and the like have just completed collecting some \$200,000 through donations and fund-raising to build the stadium from what is already at the Serbian Centre in Bonnyrigg.

Add to this the news that they have acquired four top-class Yugoslav players and things are looking up for the Serbian-backed club.

The new players are Pjer Marjanovic, Zoran Blazic and two new arrivals by the names of Radak and Filipovic.

Avala opened their 1986 season with an emphatic 3-1 win over relegated NSL club Penrith City.

The stadium project should be in full swing in six months as Avala now are making changes to their original plan that is now outdated and consequently will be updated because of the monetary gain of late.



From left to right, Radak, Blazic and Filipovic, new Avala players.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

NORTHERN DIVISION

Sat 12th April

INTER MONARO 0 AIS 7 Foster 35, 52, 82. Gagetti (o.g. 40) Polak 87, Trimboli 68, Koch 78.

Sun 13th April

MARCONI 0 BLACKTOWN 1 Moffitt 75.
WOLLONGONG 2 Stefanoski 2, 39. CANTERBURY 0
CANTERBURY 4 Weldham 27, Moulis 33, Fernandel 34,
Murray 42. INTER MONARO 0
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 ST GEORGE 2 Ollerenshaw, Ilic.

LEICHHARDT 1 Genovese 15 NEWCASTLE 0.
SYDNEY CITY 6 Spands 10, Barnes 41, 61, 69, 84, 86
CROATIA 1 Voloder 59.

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Manly Warringah v Melita Eagles	2-2	2-2	0-2
Uruguayan Auburn v Penrith City	4-0	3-1	0-4
Sutherland Shire v Wollongong Mac	1-0	2-1	2-1
Rockdale Ilinden v Fairy Meadow	2-3	1-2	15-0
Polonia v Warringah F'water	3-2	1-3	1-1
Avala v Ku-ring-gai	1-1	3-1	Ku-for

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Bankstown Nat v Cant. & Dist	2-1	1-0	0-14
Bathurst 75 v Campbelltown City	2-1	0-9	1-7
SSC Yugal v Queens Park E/S	6-1	1-2	0-2
Dee Why Swans v Gladesville Hby	0-3	0-1	0-2
Blacktown United v North Bankstown	0-1	0-0	0-3
Kingsford v Artarmon	4-0	0-1	Art-for

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Mt Druitt Town v Uni of NSW	2-1	1-2	3-1
Granville Chile v Baulkham Hills	2-2	3-2	2-4
West United v Rooty Hill	1-3	1-2	2-1
North Ryde RSL v Campbelltown Gunners	1-0	1-1	1-0
Bondi Marine v King Tomislav	6-0	6-1	2-1
Moorebank L'pool v Port Hacking	2-0	3-1	3-1

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Chelsea v West St George	1-3	1-2
CSI Schofields v Padstow Park	1-2	0-0
Eastwood S/A v Fairfield Kiev	2-1	7-1
Concordia v Sydney Uni	3-1	1-4

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Macquarie Uni v Chile Sports	2-0	2-1
Green Valley Utd v Hawkesbury Dist	1-3	1-4
Hurstville-Zagreb v Rosebery	0-6	0-1
Transandinos Sports v Liverpool City	2-2	

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Haberfield B/D's v Lansvale	2-0	2-4
Rangers Hajduk v Petersham Lusitanos	4-1	5-1
Welcome Sports v Robins	3-1	3-0
Chullora v Blacktown Wands	2-5	2-0
Greenisland v Sydney Maccabi	5-0	7-1
Concord Jnrs v Colo Colo	1-2	3-3

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Crescent Star v Argentinian Lid/Utd	2-0	0-1
Macedonia Yagooa v Abruzzi	2-2	0-3
Murray Farm Rangs v Jedinstvo United	4-1	5-0
Luddenham Croatia v Lithgow Workmens	5-1	4-5
Castle Hill v Cyprus United	1-1	0-1

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Amcliffe RSL v Macedonia Eagles	3-3	6-1
Cabrella v Hellas Poseidon	6-5	7-0
Calabria v North Rocks	2-1	5-1

ABONYI SACKED TAKAC SIGNED

ROCKDALE ILINDEN reacted quite dramatically over their 5-3 flogging at the hands of Warringah Freshwater last week.

Former great Socceroo and Ilinden coach, Atti Abonyi was relieved of his duties at the club and was replaced by Ilya Takac who was the Rockdale coach in 1985 until he resigned through illness in the second round of the NSW State League.

His place was then taken by Paul Degney as caretaker-coach.

Raul Carrizzo has also felt the wrath of disappointment in a club as he was sacked by Auburn after Melita Eagles inflicted a 7-0 whipping of them on the weekend.

WRAN CAN'T LAND

YOU have to hand it to local councils — they don't mind which tall poppies they knock over.

We found it difficult to believe that the Parramatta Council in Sydney even flexed its muscles for the benefit of NSW Premier Neville Wran who graciously agreed to officially open Melita Eagles new grandstand last week.

The Council refused to allow the Premier's helicopter to land near the Melita Stadium.

This meant it had to land several kilometres away and a government car was used to get Mr Wran to the ground in time.

No doubt the refusal of landing rights was purely for safety reasons but couldn't the Council have stretched a point to assist the Premier?

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

SATURDAY 19th APRIL

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Kingsford	vs Blacktown National	Kensington Oval
Campbelltown City	vs Dee Why Swans	Lynwood Park
Nth Bankstown	vs SSC Yugal	Potts Park

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Mt Druitt Town	vs North Ryde RSL	Popondetta Pk
King Tomislav	vs Moorebank L'pool	Croatia S/G
Uni of NSW	vs Rooty Hill	Little Bay Oval

SUNDAY 20th APRIL

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Melita Eagles	vs Sutherland Shire	Melita Stadium
Uruguayan Auburn	vs Manly Warringah	Mona Park
Wollongong Mac	vs Rockdale Ilinden	Berkeley S/G
Fairy Meadow	vs Polonia	Corrimal Mem Pk
Avala	vs Warringah F'water	Knight Park
Penrith City	vs Ku-ring-gai	Cook Park

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Canterbury & Dist	vs Bathurst 75	Blick Oval
Gladesville Hornsby	vs Blacktown United	Pioneer Park
Artarmon	vs Queens Park	Artarmon Res

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Camp'town Gunners	vs Bondi Marine	Bensley Road
Port Hacking	vs Granville Chile	Seymour Shaw Pk
Baulkham Hills	vs West United	Ted Horwood Res

	W	D	L	Pts
AIS	4	—	8	
Leichhardt	3	—	6	
Canberra City	3	—	6	
Sydney City	3	—	6	
Sydney Olympic	2	—	4	
St George	2	—	4	
Blacktown	2	—	4	
Marconi	1	—	2	
Wollongong	1	—	2	
Croatia	1	0	2	
Newcastle	—	3	0	
Canterbury	—	4	0	
Inter Monaro	—	4	0	

	W	D	L	Pts
S. Melbourne	2	1	0	5
Sunshine G.C.	2	1	0	5
Preston	1	2	0	4
Melb. Croatia	1	2	0	4
Green Gully	1	2	0	4
Footscray	2	0	1	4
Brighton	1	1	1	3
Nunawading	1	1	1	3
Heidelberg	0	2	1	2
Bruns Juve	0	1	2	1
Frankston Pines	0	1	2	1
Fawkner	0	0	3	0

KINGSFORD v BANKSTOWN NATIONAL

NSW STATE LEAGUE, DIVISION II

This SATURDAY, April 19th,
at... KENSINGTON OVAL

Cottenham Ave,
KENSINGTON, NSW

Main Game kicks off at 2.45pm

Third Grade... 11.15am

Don't watch telly at home...

COME TO THE GAME



PAT JENNINGS IN SHOCK TRANSFER

THE closing stages of Pat Jennings' magnificent goalkeeping career could develop into something akin to a fairy story.

Last week, the Northern Ireland World Cup star was transferred from Spurs to Everton as a stand-by goalkeeper. . . just in case.

Everton have been hit by a goalkeeper crisis in the build-up to the first division championship and

the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

Their regular goalie, Welsh international Neville Southall, is injured and won't play again this season.

This is a serious blow because Southall is regarded by many experts as

the greatest goalkeeper in Britain.

So in a remarkable move, Everton have signed up Jennings until the end of the season.

Southall's understudy at Everton is Bobby Mimms but if anything happens to him, the club would be left with just two goalies and

they're both Cup-tied, meaning they could not play for Everton at Wembley.

Jennings said: "I just hope Mimms gets through without any problems. I'll be happy NOT to play for Everton."

"The only reason I decided to move from Spurs was to help out an old friend, Everton boss Howard Kendall."

"But I genuinely hope I don't have to play."

This must be the only time in history a player has said he doesn't want to appear in a Wembley Cup Final!



TBILISI VICTORY WAS ROBSON'S FINEST MATCH

ENGLAND manager Bobby Robson rates his team's 1-0 win against the USSR in Tbilisi as "the finest hour and a half since I took charge four years ago."

Robson claims the win had sent shock waves throughout the world and it was better than English's humbling of Hungary in Budapest and beating Brazil in Rio de Janeiro.

England had to suffer all sorts of frustrations even getting to Tbilisi, so determined were the Russians to take the team through Moscow which involved double the travelling time.

Ray Wilkins, Gordon Cowans and Mark Hateley had a nightmare journey travelling from Italy — it took the trio two full days to get to their destination.

England have now played eight times without losing and look forward keenly to their date with Scotland at Wembley on April 23.

Five days after that match, Robson will name his 22 players for the World Cup in Mexico.

The England team boss says: "My problem will be who to leave out, not which players I will pick."

CROWD STAYS AWAY

ENGLAND played Denmark in the European Under 21 Championship at Maine Road, Manchester.

There wasn't much enthusiasm for the game by spectators.

Official attendance was just 1,592 to see England qualify for the semi-final with a 1-1 draw.

Amazing to think the vast Maine Road ground once held 84,569 spectators.

BALL BLAST FOR JOHN FASHANU

ALAN BALL, Portsmouth's manager, made a stunning verbal attack on Wimbledon's new \$250,000 player John Fashanu after the two teams played a 1-1 draw at Fratton Park.

Ball accused Fashanu of elbowing three Pompey players and tackling Billy Gilbert in the tunnel after the match.

"The difference between the two sides was Fashanu's elbow," said Ball.

"Seeing he only came on as a substitute, you could say Fashanu had a smashing half hour!"

Wimbledon boss Dave Bassett replied: "Ball is living in a fantasy world."

It's utter nonsense to suggest that Fashanu hit Gilbert. Some teams like to dish it out but obviously they can't take it."

MILK CUP GOES SOUR

these teams on April 20.

Warren Neill of QPR and Peter Rhoades-Brown of Oxford were both injured in the 3-3 draw and neither will be fit for Wembley.

Rhoades-Brown was carried off, left the ground on crutches and had to go to hospital for surgery on his knee.

Neill must have cursed his injury Jinx when he had to go to hospital with a fractured cheekbone.

He was making a comeback from a broken leg.

WHEN Oxford played QPR in the first division, it was a costly "dress rehearsal" for the Milk Cup Final at Wembley between

HARD-LUCK HIGGINS

CENTRE-HALF Mark Higgins retired as an Everton player when a incurable injury was diagnosed — but Higgins refused to accept that dreaded verdict and made a comeback with Manchester United this year.

Unlucky Higgins broke his arm during United's recent match against Birmingham City and is now convinced he is haunted by an injury jinx.



Everton farewell

Mark's last game for Everton (v Manchester United, December 3, 1983) before injury forced him to quit Goodison Park. Born in Buxton on 29th September, 1958, he made 152 League appearances for Everton between 1976-83. He won England Schools and Youth caps.

PHIL THE FLUKER

The newspaper interviewed Parkes and we reprint that interview here:-

"Last season I managed

"But my present contract will take me up to 38 and Pat Jennings is inspiring me to go on and on... with a bit of luck."

Parkes, chasing the top

"I'm convinced goalkeepers are able to go on well into their thirties because we are underworked. When I began you could win 4-0 but still be covered in mud, having had to fling yourself all over the place.

"If keepers don't have the same wear and tear they carry on longer. It's just like driving a car."

"The pressures prevent you from enjoying it. Too many take the game too seriously.

"After all these years I've realised—again—that it's only a game, isn't it."

25 — John Robertson (Hearts), Ally
McCoist (Rangers)
20 — Brian McClair (Celtic)
19 — Ray Stephens (Dundee),
Maurice Johnston (Celtic)
17 — Frank McDougall (Aberdeen)
14 — Gordon Durie (Hibernian), Eric
Black (Aberdeen)

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NOW IT'S MEXICAN PETE!

PETER BEARDSLEY of Newcastle United is the latest trump card produced by England in their constant

search for a winning World Cup squad.



□ BEARDSLEY . . . a top natural player.

ENGLAND's Liverpool and Italy's Juventus played each other last week — for the first time since the Brussels Stadium disaster.

The Youth teams from the two clubs met in a match in Italy.

(BELOW) JOHNY SIVE-BAEK in action for Denmark. As yet the talented Dane hasn't been able to find his feet in the demanding English first division.



KERRY DIXON, ready for Europe.

In the friendly match against the USSR in Tbilisi, the Newcastle player took all the honours and now has a bright chance of going to Mexico.

If he does make the grade, several English clubs will wonder how they missed him.

At 18, Carlisle United signed Beardsley for a \$200 donation to Wallsend

Boys club. In less than two years, Carlisle sold him for \$550,000 to Vancouver Whitecaps.

He also had trials with Gillingham and Cambridge, where he lasted just one week. Burnley had him and let him go.

Even Manchester United failed to see Beardsley's potential. The boy spent five months at Old Trafford, was given only one first team game, and returned to Canada.

It is not only at club level that Beardsley escaped the talent scouting network.

He had no Under 21 appearances for England and no Youth team caps, indeed the only representative honours Beardsley picked up were with Northumberland Schoolboys!

One English football writer described Beardsley as the only English international forward to begin as a sweeper.

Peter Beardsley swept a factory floor in Newcastle in this early days!

DIXON READY TO MOVE TO EUROPE

THERE seems to be quite a mystery surrounding the future of Chelsea's ace goalscorer Kerry Dixon.

Dixon has had a great season since transferring from Reading but it appears he is not really popular with team manager John Hollins.

The player looks certain to go to Mexico with England's World Cup squad and it's rumoured he'll leave Chelsea when

he returns.

Trouble is, Chelsea chairman Ken Bates is reluctant to sell Dixon to a rival first division club. Indeed when Manchester United asked about Dixon earlier in the season, United were told to start bidding at \$10,000,000!

The strong tip now is

that Dixon WILL leave Chelsea but only for a new club on the continent — not for an English club.

He was dropped for the recent match against West Ham United and was far from happy about that.



□ BANG! Another Dixon goal

THE HALF MILLION DOLLAR LEARNER

WHEN a club pays half a million dollars for an international player, you'd think they were getting the finished product, not somebody who might make the grade.

Consider, then, the strange case of Danish international John Sivebaek who cost Manchester United \$500,000 this season.

In his first game for United, Sivebaek strug-

gled, describing the match as "a blur of lunging bodies."

Later, when asked to comment on English football, the Dane said: "It's all very fast, maybe too fast. I realise I have a lot to learn but I couldn't learn with a better club.

"Hopefully, I'll prove myself a good player or even a star."

Have Manchester United paid out that very big money for a man who is still learning and who hopes to become a good player?

EX-SPURS BOSS TOPS UNITED'S SHORT LIST

KEITH BURKINSHAW, now national coach in Bahrain, seems sure to return to English football as soon as his contract there expires.

With Tottenham Hotspur, Burkinshaw did a fine job but it was not good enough to satisfy the club directors who believed the club needed a more glamorous team manager.

Oddly enough, Spurs then appointed the comparatively unknown Peter Shreeve.

If Burkinshaw wants to return to his native Yorkshire, Sheffield United will be happy to fix him up.

United have drawn up a short list of three possible successors to Ian Porterfield and Burkinshaw tops the list.

Others fancied at Bramall Lane are QPR's Jim Smith and Trevor Cherry of Bradford City.

But our tip is that Burkinshaw can have the job — if he wants it.

KENNY THE BOOT BOY!

AFTER playing in his 100th international for Scotland against Romania, Kenny Dalglish sat in a room at Hampden Park clutching the boots he had worn in the match.

He was with West Germany's distinguished team boss Franz Beckenbauer.

"I see you are still a player," said Beckenbauer, adding, "but in Germany it is not like this. Players do not carry their own kit."



Kenny Dalglish